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APPROVAL, PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO APPLICATION MADE BY JAMES K. BAKER OF DAYTON, OHIO, FOR A REDUCTION IN THE CURRENT RENTAL UPON LEASE OF MIAMI AND ERIE CANAL LANDS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 26, 1934.

HON. T. S. BRINDLE, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge the receipt of a report of your finding on the application made by one James K. Baker of Dayton, Ohio, for a reduction in the current rental provided for in a lease executed to him under date of January 10, 1929, in and by which lease instrument there was leased and demised to said lessee two parcels of Miami and Erie Canal lands.

It does not appear that said lessee is delinquent in the payment of any rentals due and payable on this lease. His application is for a reduction in the amount of the current annual rental on the lease which, as provided for therein, is the sum of \$96.00. The reason assigned by him for the requested reduction is that he has been receiving no income from the land and that rents generally have been reduced. The reasons which actuate the holder of this lease in making the application for the reduction requested are not, perhaps, as fully stated as might be desired. However, I assume that you have made an investigation with respect to this lease and the use that he is able to make of the same. In any event, your finding contains the recital that after investigation of this matter you have directed a reduction in the current rental of the lease for the period from May 1, 1934, to May 1, 1935, from \$96.00, the amount provided for in the lease, to \$64.00. I am not able to say as a matter of law that your action in reducing this rental is not justified and inasmuch as it appears that the proceedings relating to this reduction have been substantially in accordance with the provisions of House Bill No. 467, enacted by the 90th General Assembly, your finding is approved as to legality and form, as is evidenced by my approval endorsed upon the resolution which is attached to your finding and made a part of the proceedings relating to this matter. I am returning to you the files submitted.

Respectfully, John W. Bricker, Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO APPLICATION MADE BY SILAS C. COLE, FOR A REDUCTION IN THE ANNUAL RENTAL UPON LEASE OF OHIO AND ERIE CANAL LANDS IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, SCIOTO COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 26, 1934.

HON. T. S. BRINDLE, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my examination and approval a finding