2490.

APPROVAL, REFUNDING BONDS OF KENMORE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN AMOUNT OF \$38,000.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 18, 1921.

Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

2491.

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE—PROCEDURE FOR PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 18, 1921.

Department of Finance, Hon. Floyd E. Waite, Director, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—In your letter of October 6th you request advice as to the formal procedure which should now be followed by the division of purchases and printing, department of finance, in the purchasing of supplies, requesting information as to which of the old laws still obtain and which have been repealed with reference to this division.

It is believed that the following statement will suffice as a guide for your department:

It is understood that you wish to be advised as to the procedure to be followed in the purchasing of supplies, as distinguished from the procedure to be followed in the securing of state printing. No reference will be made in this opinion, therefore, to the function of the division in so far as it relates to state printing.

Section 154-37 of the General Code, being a part of the Administrative Code, provides as follows:

"The department of finance shall succeed to and exercise all powers and perform all duties vested by sections one thousand eight hundred and forty-six and one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven of the General Code jointly in the secretary of state and the auditor of state, which said powers are hereby transferred to and vested in said department.

The department of finance shall succeed to and exercise all powers of the state purchasing agent in the office of the secretary of state, and the secretary of state and auditor of state with respect to the purchase of supplies and equipment required for the use and maintenance of state officers, boards and commissions, the commissioners of public printing and the supervisor of public printing, and shall exercise all powers and perform all duties as to purchases heretofore vested in the Ohio board of administration under the provisions of section one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine of the General Code. Wherever powers are conferred or duties imposed upon any of such departments, offices or officers with respect to the matters and things herein mentioned, such powers and duties shall be construed as vested in the department of finance. In addition to the powers so transferred to it, the department of finance