whereby the Gasco Realty Company, as lessor, leases and demises unto you, as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of said department, for the State of Ohio, the first, second, third and fourth floors, and 5,000 square feet in the front of the basement in the building known as the Pure Oil Building, situated at 246 North High Street, at the southeast corner of High and Chestnut Streets, in the city of Columbus, Ohio. Said lease is for a term of two years commencing on the 1st day of July, 1929, and ending on the 30th day of June, 1931, for an annual rental of \$48,000, payable in equal monthly installments of \$4,000 each.

An examination of this lease shows that the same has been executed by authority of the Board of Directors of the Gasco Realty Company and that the acceptance of said lease is within the authority conferred upon you by Section 154-40, General Code, as amended in 112 O. L. 479.

A careful examination of said lease shows that the same has been executed by the Gasco Realty Company in the manner provided by the law relating to leases of this kind and that the same is in form sufficient to lease and demise said premises to you in your official capacity, for the uses and purposes thereby intended, and said lease is accordingly hereby approved as to execution and form.

With said lease you submit an encumbrance estimate properly signed by the Director of Finance, showing that there is a sufficient balance in a proper appropriation account to pay the rental of said building for the contract period. Said encumbrance estimate, therefore, is likewise approved.

Said lease, bearing my endorsed approval upon the original, duplicate, triplicate and quadruplicate copies thereof, is herewith returned.

Respectfully, GILBERT BETTMAN, Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND THE MEL-BOURNE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, CANTON, OHIO, FOR CON-STRUCTION OF GARAGE AT CANTON, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$26,000.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE NATIONAL UNION INDEMNITY COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OH10, June 14, 1929.

HON, RICHARD T. WISDA, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Superintendent of Public Works, for the Department of Highways, and The Melbourne Construction Company, of Canton, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of general contract for a garage building at Canton, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000.00).

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to cover the obligations of the contract. You have also furnished evidence to the effect that the consent and approval of the Controlling Board to the expenditure has been obtained as required by Section 11 of House Bill No. 510 of the 88th General Assembly. In addition you have submitted a contract bond upon which the National Union Indemnity Company appears as surety, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly pre-

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pared and approved, notice to bidders was properly given, bids tabulated as required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the Workmen's Compensation Act have been complied with.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully, GILBERT BETTMAN, Attorney General.

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## APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND HOPPER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., WORTHINGTON, OHIO, FOR CON-STRUCTION OF T. B. WARD AT HOSPITAL, GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, DELAWARE, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$9,790.00.

## COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 14, 1929.

HON. RICHARD T. WISDA, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Superintendent of Public Works, for the Department of Public Welfare, and Hopper Çonstruction Company, Inc., of Worthington, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of general contract for T. B. Ward at hospital, Girls' Industrial School, Delaware, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of nine thousand seven hundred and ninety dollars (\$9,790.00).

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to cover the obligations of the contract.

You have also submitted a bond with personal sureties, the auditor of Delaware County having certified that said sureties are worth in the aggregate in an amount beyond their debts above the contract price sufficient to insure the carrying out of the terms and provisions of said contract, and further that said sureties have property in Ohio liable to execution in the amount certified.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, notice to bidders was properly given, bids tabulated as required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the law requiring the certificate of premium payment as certified to by the Department of Industrial Relations has been complied with.

In this connection, it will be noted that the award was made prior to January 1, 1929, and that the original appropriation lapsed before such contract was approved by the Attorney General. However, it will be further noted that the 88th General Assembly, in Amended House Bill No. 203, reappropriated such funds and authorized the expenditure of money for such purposes with the consent and approval of the Controlling Board, which has been obtained.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon and réturn the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully, GILBERT BETTMAN, Attorney General.