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tracks constructed on lands of the various institutions of the state under control of your department for use in connection with said institutions.

This contract seems to be in proper form and the same is accordingly hereby approved as is evidenced by my approval endorsed upon said contract and upon the copies thereof, all of which are herewith returned.

With said agreement there is also submitted encumbrance estimate No. 5273 in the amount of \$333.00, covering money to be paid to the Wooster Electric Company to meet its expenses in erecting said temporary power and transmission line and to cover the cost of dismantling and removing the same at the expiration of the contract. This encumbrance estimate has been properly certified and approved and shows that there are sufficient balances in a proper appropriation account to cover the amount of this payment. Said encumbrance estimate is therefore likewise approved as to form and herewith returned.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, LEASE TO LAND IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, MONROE COUNTY—TWIN OIL & GAS COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 25, 1929.

HON. JOSEPH T. TRACY, Auditor of State, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication of recent date submitting for my examination and approval as to legality and form, a certain lease in triplicate, executed by you as Auditor of State to E. G. Cunningham, doing business as the Twin Oil and Gas Company of Woodsheld, Ohio, which lease is for the purpose of extending for a period of ten months from and after January 22, 1929, a certain lease executed by you under date of October 22, 1928, leasing and demising to said lessee for oil and gas development purposes, a certain tract of one hundred twelve acres of land out of the northeast quarter of Section 16, Township 6, Range 7 in Franklin Township, Monroe County, Ohio.

An examination of the lease submitted shows that the execution of this lease is within the authority granted to you by Section 3209-1, General Code, relating to the leasing of unsold portions of school and ministerial lands. It further appears that said lease as to form is in accordance with the provisions of said section and of other sections of the General Code relating to the execution and acknowledgment of leases.

Said lease is accordingly hereby approved and my approval is endorsed upon said lease and the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.