I have carefully examined said leases, find them correct in form and legal, and am therefore returning the same with my approval endorsed thereon.

Respectfully,

C. C. CRABBE,

Attorney General.

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ABSTRACT, STATUS OF TITLE, 75.8 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN ROSS COUNTY, OHIO.

Columbus, Ohio, May 15, 1924.

Hon. Edmund Secrest, State Forester, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of May 13th received, with which you resubmit to this department an abstract of title and deed of lands belonging to one Emma Madden, which lands it is proposed to purchase as a part of the Ross County state forest reserve.

The abstract as now submitted has been corrected in accordance with suggestions made in our communication of April 17, 1924.

The abstract as now presented was prepared by W. J. Beyerly, Abstracter, first certified as of April 11, 1924, and recertified under date of May 12, 1924, the last certification covering interlined additions to the abstract. Said abstract pertains to the following described premises:

"Situated in the County of Ross, in the State of Ohio, and in the township of Scioto, and bounded and described as follows:

Being a part of Survey No. 15056, and beginning at a stake in the Public Road, the northwest corner of the James Best 10 acre tract; thence with his west line, south 23 degrees west 126 poles; thence south 30 degrees east 133.5 poles to where a white oak is called for; thence west 81 poles to a white oak, dogwood and hickory; thence north 12 degrees 30 feet west 146 poles to a white oak, corner to Surveys Nos. 9276 and 15056; thence with the original line of Surveys Nos. 9276 and 15056; north 15 degrees east 78 poles to a stake, the southwest corner of a 12 acre tract of land; thence south 73 degrees 30 feet east 52.4 poles to a stake; thence north 23 degrees east 33.96 poles to a stake in the public road; thence south 73 degrees 30 feet east 10 poles to the place of beginning, containing 75.8 acres more or less.

Upon examination of the abstract as finally submitted, I am of the opinion that same shows a good and merchantable title to said premises in Emma Madden and Charles Madden, her husband, subject to the following:

Your attention is directed to a mortgage shown in section 21 of the abstract, wherein the present owner on the 6th day of December, 1920, mortgaged said premises to Thomas King Wilson, executor, in the sum of \$800.00, which mortgage still stands unsatisfied. This mortgage, as I understand, is to be paid from the proceeds of the sale to the State of Ohio. A proper release of this mortgage must be submitted before the consideration is paid over.

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Under the statement in the certificate of the abstracter, all taxes that are now a lien are paid and I find no other liens or claims on said premises evidenced in said abstract.

It is further suggested that a proper delivery of the already executed deed submitted with the abstract, will be sufficient to convey the title of said premises to the State of Ohio, provided same is accompanied by a proper release of the mortgage above referred to.

Attention is also directed to the necessity of the proper certificate of the Director of Finance, to the effect that there are unincumbered balances legally appropriated sufficient to cover the purchase price before the purchase can be consummated.

The abstract, deed and receipted tax bills submitted by you are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

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ABSTRACT, STATUS OF TITLE, 133 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED ON THE WATERS OF WILSON'S RUN, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 15, 1924.

Hon. Edmund Secrest, State Forester, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Yours of recent date received, in which you submit a deed and abstract covering certain premises owned by William Wood and Minnie M. Wood, his wife, which premises are located in Franklin Township, Ross County, Ohio, and which premises it is proposed to purchase as a part of the Ross County forest reserve.

The abstract submitted was prepared by Harry B. Grace, Abstracter, under date of April 28, 1924, and pertains to the following premises, to-wit, 133 acres, more or less, being part of Survey 14652 and 14891 on the waters of Wilson's Run, Franklin Township, Ross County, Ohio, more particularly described as follows:

"Beginning at a red oak and hickory northwest corner to E. P. Kendrick's Survey No. 14851; thence north 55 degrees east 25 poles to two (2) white oaks and a red oak, southwest corner to Hadway Mansins lands; thence north 55 degrees west 48 poles to three (3) white oaks, corner to Mansin; thence north 17 degrees west 58 poles to a white oak and locust; thence north 54 degrees west 24 poles to a chestnut oak and hickory, a northerly corner of the original survey; thence with the original lines and binding thereon north 3 east 43 poles to a white oak and hickory; thence north 54 east 36 poles to a chestnut oak and black oak, thence south 54 east 59 poles to a locust and red oak; thence north 52 east 18 poles to two chestnut oaks; thence north 76 east 34 poles to a hickory near a bear wallow; thence south 64 east 22 poles to a hickory; thence south 18 degrees east 34 poles to two (2) chestnut oaks; thence south 44 east 32 poles to three (3) chestnut oaks on a ridge, Southeast corner to said original sur-