This bond is given pursuant to the provisions of section 7896-13, General Code, which reads in part as follows:

"\* \* \* The treasurer of state shall give a separate and additional bond in such amount as may be fixed by the governor and with sureties to the approval of the governor, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of such treasurer as custodian of the funds of the retirement system provided for herein. Such bond shall be deposited with the secretary of state and kept in his office. \* \* \*"

Under the above section, it will be necessary for the Governor to indorse his approval on the bond before it is filed with the Secretary of State.

In passing, it is to be noted that the date the oath was taken does not appear on most of the bonds. I would advise that these omissions be corrected before the bonds are filed with the Secretary of State.

After examination of said bonds, it has been found that the form thereof is in compliance with the provisions of law noted, and accordingly, I have indorsed thereon my approval as to form and return the same herewith. When said bonds have been properly approved, as pointed out above, they should be deposited with the Secretary of State.

Respectfully,

John W. Bricker,

Attorney General.

21.

APPROVAL, BOND FOR THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS—C. E. McKEE.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 16, 1933.

Hon. O. W. Merrell, Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted a bond to cover the faithful performance of the duties of C. E. McKee as Deputy Director in charge of the Bureau of Maintenance, Department of Highways.

Said bond, which is executed by the Maryland Casualty Company, in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, is undoubtedly executed pursuant to the provisions of section 1181, General Code, which provides in part:

"\* \* \* The director (of highways) shall require each deputy director to give bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties with sureties to the approval of the state highway director." (Words in parenthesis the writer's.)

It is noted that you have approved said bond in accordance with the above section.

Finding said bond to have been properly executed, I have accordingly approved the same as to form and return it herewith.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRICKER,

Attorney General.