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APPROVAL, LEASE TO STATE RESERVOIR LAND AT LAKE ST. MARYS—HOMER V. GUY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 21, 1931.

HON. I. S. GUTHERY, Director of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—There has been submitted for my examination and approval a certain lease in triplicate executed by the State of Ohio, through the Conservation Commissioner, by which there is leased and demised, for a term of fifteen years, to Homer V. Guy of Dayton, Ohio, a certain parcel of state reservoir land at Lake St. Marys, which parcel of land is more particularly described in said lease, which lease designated with respect to the name of said respective lessee and the appraised valuation of the parcel of land therein leased as follows:

The lease here in question, calling for an annual rental of six per cent upon the appraised valuation of the parcel of land leased, was executed by the Conservation Commissioner under authority of Section 471 of the General Code.

An examination of said lease shows that the terms and conditions thereof are in conformity with the provisions of said section and with those of other sections of the General Code relating to leases of this kind.

Said lease is accordingly approved by me as to legality and form and my approval is endorsed upon said lease and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, and returned herewith.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

2849.

STATE HOUSE GROUNDS—ERECTION OF MONUMENTS THEREON—DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS NO AUTHORITY TO GRANT SUCH PERMISSION TO ANY ORGANIZATION OR PERSON—LEGISLATURE MAY EXERCISE SUCH POWER.

SYLLABUS:

Neither the Department of Public Works nor the Director of Public Works has any authority to grant permission to different organizations or persons to erect monuments on the state house grounds, since this power resides in, and has heretofore been exercised by, the legislature alone.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 22, 1931.

HON. A. T. CONNAR, Director of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—I wish to make acknowledgment of the following inquiry from you: