

mitted a contract bond upon which the Globe Indemnity Company appears as surety, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

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 laws relating to the status of surety companies and the workmen's compensation 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.

1618.

APPROVAL, ABSTRACT OF TITLE TO LAND OF GEORGE D. NYE AND
CRESSE NYE IN BENTON TOWNSHIP, PIKE COUNTY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 14, 1930.

HON. CARL E. STEEB, *Secretary, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication of recent date submitting for my examination and approval abstract of title, warranty deed, encumbrance estimate No. 121, controlling board certificate, and other files relating to the proposed purchase of three certain tracts of land owned of record by George D. Nye and Cresse Nye in Benton Township, Pike County, Ohio, and which tracts of land are more particularly described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: Beginning at a poplar and beech in the line of D. Holmes Survey No. 4342 and corner to Survey No. 14800 and 14391; thence N. 6 deg. E. 66 poles to two lynns and one ash; thence N. 25 deg. E. 45 poles to a beech and gum; thence S. 54 deg. E. 145 poles to a hickory and white oak; corner of Survey No. 15007; thence with the lines thereof S. 26 deg. W. 54 poles to a chestnut and black oak; thence S. 9½ deg. E. 40 poles to two white oaks and an ash; thence S. 50 deg. W. 60 poles to a stake in the line of Survey No. 4342; thence with said line N. 52 deg. W. 60 poles to a hickory and dogwood; thence N. 40 deg. E. 65 poles to the beginning, containing 100 acres more or less part of Survey No. 15900. Patented to Nathaniel Massie on the 1st day of October, 1850.

Except out of the above the following described tract: beginning at a hickory and white oak (gone); thence N. 34 poles to a white oak stump in county road; thence N. 53 deg. W. 40 poles to a stone; thence S. 53 poles to a stone; thence S. 71½ deg. E. 34 poles to the beginning, containing eight (8) acres, more or less, which was conveyed by said defendant to Rees W. Curp by deed recorded in Vol. 47, page 289 of the Deed Records of Pike County, Ohio.

SECOND TRACT: Beginning at a large white oak marked "w"

corner between Surveys No. 13017 and 14282; thence with the line between said Surveys No. 15 deg. W. 159 poles to a hickory and dogwood, corner to Martin Adam's land; N. 95 poles to a sugartree, corner to John Riley's land; S. 3 deg. W. 31 poles; S. 18 deg. 40 poles to a stake, another corner to said Riley's land; N. 80 deg. E. 13 poles to a beech and gum, corner to the widow Taylor's land; S. 3 deg. E. 128 poles to a white oak and poplar; S. 40 W. 34 poles to a pigeon-oak; S. 54 E. 83 poles to the beginning, containing one hundred acres, more or less, part of Survey No. 14282.

THIRD TRACT: Situated in Benton Township and being part of Survey No. 14282. Being on the waters of Morgan's Fork of Sunfish, beginning at a stone corner to Jacob Keplinger's land; thence S. 3 deg. W. 31 poles to a stake; thence S. 18 deg. E. 36 poles to a stake; thence N. 8 deg. E. 9 poles to a beech and gum; thence S. 25 deg. E. 47 poles to a chestnut; thence N. 72 deg. E. 35 poles to three sassafras trees, thence N. 11 deg. W. 30 poles to a hickory and ash; thence S. 35 deg. E. 78 poles to a stone; thence W. 120 poles to the beginning, containing fifty (50) acres, more or less.

An examination of the abstract of title submitted shows that said George D. Nye and Cresse Nye have a good merchantable fee simple title to the above described tracts of land, free and clear of all encumbrances whatsoever.

The warranty deed tendered by George D. Nye and Cresse Nye shows that the same has been properly executed and acknowledged by said grantors and by Margaret G. Nye, the wife of George D. Nye, and that said deed is in form sufficient to convey to the State of Ohio a fee simple title to the above described tracts of land, free and clear of the dower interest of said Margaret G. Nye, and free and clear of all encumbrances whatsoever.

An examination of encumbrance estimate No. 121 shows that the same has been properly signed and that there are sufficient balances in the proper appropriation account to pay the purchase price of this property. It likewise appears from the controlling board certificate submitted that the money necessary to pay for this property has been released by said controlling board.

I am herewith returning with my approval said abstract of title, warranty deed, encumbrance estimate, controlling board certificate and other files relating to the purchase of the above described property.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

1619.

APPROVAL, ABSTRACT OF TITLE TO LAND OF MARY PYLES IN
BRUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP, SCIOTO COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 14, 1930.

HON. CARL E. STEEB, *Secretary, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—There has recently been submitted for my examination and approval a corrected abstract of title, warranty deed, encumbrance estimate and