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I do not think the legislature intended to provide that the fifteen cent fee provided in Section 6294 should not be charged in the event an application is made for the registration of a commercial car after April 1 of any year. Such a construction would, however, be necessary if the provision as to the payment of this fifteen cent fee is limited to applications filed under Section 6294 only.

I am informed that over a period of more than four years the provision of Section 6294 as to the payment of this fifteen cent fee has been construed as applicable to Section 6294-1, supra, which provides for the application for the transfer of registration of a motor vehicle. It is also contended that there is as much clerical work entailed in connection with applications of this nature as there is in connection with the filing of an application for an original license. Under these circumstances, conceding that the provisions for the payment of this fifteen cent fee are subject to two interpretations, one that it shall be payable only upon an application for an original application being filed and the other that it applies to all applications for the registration of a motor vehicle, the courts will adopt the construction which has been sanctioned by established administrative practice. Industrial Commission vs. Brown, 92 O. S. 309, 311, 110 N. E. 744, 745; State, ex rel. vs. Brown, 121 O. S. 73.

In view of the foregoing and in specific answer to your inquiry, it is my opinion that the fifteen cent fee provided in Section 6294, General Code, to accompany the application for the registration of a motor vehicle, is payable with the application for the transfer of the registration of a motor vehicle made under the provisions of Section 6294-1, General Code.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 22, 1930.

HON. ROBERT N. WAID, Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.

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DISAPPROVAL, BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CHEMISTRY BUILDING AT MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 22, 1930.

Hon. Albert T. Connar, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of a communication over the signature of Hon. T.
Ralph Ridley, State Architect and Engineer, Columbus, Ohio, requesting my advice