2820.

APPROVAL—AGREEMENT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY, FOR ELIMINATION OF GRADE CROSSING, GROVEPORT ROAD, LOCKBOURNE ROAD, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, FEDERAL AID GRADE CROSSING PROJECT.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 16, 1938.

HON. JOHN JASTER, JR., Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR: You have submitted for my examination and approval as to form, copy of an agreement by and between the State of Ohio, The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway and the County of Franklin providing for the elimination of the grade crossing of Groveport Road across the tracks of said railway company and to vacate the crossing of Lockbourne Road and the tracks of said railway company and known as the Federal Aid grade crossing project No. F. A. G. S. 1002-A, 1939.

After careful examination, it is my opinion that said agreement is in proper legal form and when the same is properly executed by John Jaster, Jr., as Director of Highways for the State of Ohio, it will become a binding contract by and between the parties thereto.

I, therefore, hereby approve said agreement as to form and am returning the same herewith.

Respectfully,
HERBERT S. DUFFY,
Attorney General.

2821.

APPROVAL—AGREEMENT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY, FOR ELIMINATION OF GRADE CROSSING, GOODALE STREET, COLUMBUS AND GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, FEDERAL AID GRADE CROSSING PROJECT.

Columbus, Ohio, August 16, 1938.

Hon. John Jaster, Jr., Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR: You have submitted for my examination and approval as to form an agreement by and between the State of Ohio, the City

of Columbus, the City of Grandview Heights and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company providing for the elimination of the grade crossing over the tracks of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company on Goodale Street at a point in Franklin County, Ohio, and in the cities of Columbus and Grandview Heights and known as Federal Aid Grade Crossing, Project No. F. A. G. M. 971-A (1).

Upon examination of said agreement, it is my opinion that the same is in proper legal form and when properly executed will constitute a binding contract by and between the parties thereto.

I, therefore, hereby formally approve said agreement as to form and am returning the same herewith.

Respectfully,

HERBERT S. DUFFY,

Attorney General.

2822.

RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP—POWER TO RESTORE—VESTED IN COMMON PLEAS COURT JUDGE UNDER SECTION 13452-7 GENERAL CODE—REMEDIAL STATUTE—LIBERALLY CONSTRUED—RETROACTIVE STATUS—PROBATION.

SYLLABUS:

Section 13452-7 of the General Code, being a remedial statute, should be given a liberal interpretation to carry out its purposes so that it may include all cases not expressly excluded; since there is nothing in the statute clearly indicating a legislative intent to exclude from the operation of this statute all persons who had been convicted prior to the effective date thereof, the judge of the Court of Common Pleas has the power to restore the rights of citizenship to a person who was convicted and placed on probation prior to the effective date of the statute to the same extent and in the same manner as he has the said power in connection with persons who have been convicted and placed on probation after the effective date of the statute.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 16, 1938.

HON. FRANK T. CULLITAN, Prosecuting Attorney, Cleveland, Ohio.

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your recent communication which reads as follows: