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.

2726.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE SAMUEL A. ESSWEIN HEATING AND PLUMBING COMPANY, COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR EQUIPMENT FOR BOTANY AND ZOOLOGY BUILDING AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$2,542.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE COMMONWEALTH CASUALTY COMPANY.

Columbus, Ohio, December 29, 1930.

HON. ALBERT T. CONNAR, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Works, for the Board of Trustees of the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, and the Samuel A. Esswein Heating and Plumbing Company, Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of the plumbing contract, as set forth in the general conditions of the specifications for equipment for Botany and Zoology Building on the campus of the Ohio State University, and covered by the Form of Proposal dated November 28, 1930. Said contract calls for an expenditure of two thousand five hundred and forty-two dollars (\$2,542.00).

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to cover the obligations of the contract. You have also shown that the Controlling Board has approved the expenditure, as required by law. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond, upon which the Commonwealth Casualty 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.