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You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, informal bids were taken and 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,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND GEORGE D. FARNHAM COMPANY, OF CLEVELAND, OHIO—CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF UNDERGROUND STEAM CONDUIT AND PIPING OF SPIEGEL GROVE PARK, AT FREMONT, OHIO, FOR THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT A COST OF \$2,086.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 16, 1923.

HON. L. A. BOULAY, *Director, Department of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

GENTLEMEN:—You have submitted for my approval contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works, and George D. Farnham and Company, of Cleveland, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of underground steam conduit and piping of Spiegel Grove Park, at Fremont, Ohio, for the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society and calls for an expenditure of \$2,086.00.

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. There has further been submitted a contract bond upon which the United States Fidelity and Guaranty 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, informal bids were taken and tabulated as required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies have been complied with. There is also enclosed an affidavit to the effect that the company does not employ five men. Therefore, said company is not subject to the requirements of the Workmen's Compensation Law.

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,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney-General.