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APPROVAL—CONTRACT FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT IN
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 14, 1936.

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

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APPROVAL—APPLICATIONS FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RENT-
ALS ON 29 M & E AND O & E CANAL LEASES.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 14, 1936.

HON. CARL G. WAHL, *Director, Department of Public Works, Columbus,
Ohio.*

DEAR SIR: House Bill No. 467, enacted by the 90th General Assembly under date of June 30, 1933, and which became effective on the 11th day of October, 1933, provides, among other things, that the Superintendent of Public Works, acting by and with the consent and approval of the Governor and Attorney General, is authorized to make reductions in the amount of current annual rentals payable on leases of canal lands upon applications therefor filed with the Superintendent of Public Works by individuals and corporations holding such leases. In making reductions in the amount of annual rentals provided for in such leases and payable under the terms of the lease, the Superintendent of Public Works acts only with respect to the current year. In this connection, however, the act above referred to provides that after the Superintendent of Public Works makes a reduction in the amount of the annual rental provided for in a lease of this kind for a particular lease year and such reduction has been approved by the Governor and the Attorney General, the Superintendent of Public Works, on or before the first day of November of each year thereafter, shall notify such lessee of the state who obtained an adjustment of rentals within the preceding year, of his intention either to continue for another year such reduced rental as had been determined upon by reason of his prior application filed with the Superintendent in the preceding year, or of his intention to restore all or a part of such reduction of rental. This statute further provides that the Superintendent of Public Works shall present a statement of his findings to the Governor and the