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Respectfully,  
GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

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APPROVAL, CERTIFICATE OF TITLE TO LAND IN NILE TOWNSHIP,  
SCIOTO COUNTY, OHIO, OF HENRY CLIFFORD.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 5, 1932.

HON. WILLIAM H. REINHART, *Conservation Commissioner, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my examination a certificate of title, deed, encumbrance estimate No. 44 and approval of controlling board, relating to the proposed purchase of a fifteen acre tract of land situated in Nile Township, Scioto County, Ohio, from one Henry Clifford.

Said certificate of title, certified under date of November 23, 1932, by James S. Thomas, an attorney at law at Portsmouth, Ohio, states that his examination of the Scioto County records was concluded on the 11th day of July, 1932, and that, upon said date of July 11, 1932, said records indicated that Henry Clifford had a good and merchantable fee simple title to said property free and clear of all liens and encumbrances whatsoever, except the taxes for the year of 1932 which became a lien upon said property in April, 1932, but which are not yet due and payable. Upon the basis of said certificate, approval is hereby given to the title of said land. However, inasmuch as a number of months has elapsed since the conclusion of Mr. Thomas' examination, it is advised that, in order to protect the state against any changes which might have taken place in the interim, you have the records inspected from the 11th day of July until the present time, before consummating the purchase, in order to make sure that no new transactions have taken place which would affect the status of the title since July 11.

The proposed deed made by Henry Clifford and Maude Clifford, his wife, is executed in a proper form, with release of dower, to convey a fee simple title to the State of Ohio.

Encumbrance estimate No. 44 shows that there are sufficient funds in the proper appropriation account to pay for said land. The State Controlling Board has given its approval to the purchase.

Enclosed please find all of the documents which above were acknowledged as having been received.

Respectfully,  
GILBERT BETTMAN,  
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