

Upon examination of the abstract of title submitted, I find that said Rt. Rev. James J. Hartley has a good merchantable fee simple title to the above described property free and clear of all encumbrances except the taxes on said property for the year 1930 which taxes amounting to the sum of \$4.72 are unpaid and are a lien upon said property.

I have examined the warranty deed tendered by said Bishop Hartley and find that the same has been properly executed and acknowledged by him and that the form of said deed is such that it conveys the above described property to the State of Ohio by fee simple title free and clear of all encumbrances except the taxes on said property for the year 1930. Said warranty deed was retained by the attorney for Bishop Hartley and the same is now in his hands. This deed should, of course, be delivered to you or to the auditor of state before the transaction for the purchase of this property is closed, by the issuance of the warrant covering the purchase price of the property.

Upon examination of Encumbrance Estimate No. 2082, I find that the same, after being properly approved, was signed by the Director of Finance under date of December 29, 1930. This encumbrance estimate shows that there is a sufficient balance in the appropriate account to pay the purchase price of said property, which purchase price is the sum of \$400.00. In said encumbrance estimate there is a recital that the money necessary to pay the purchase price of this property was released by the Board of Control under date of March 17, 1930.

I am herewith returning with my approval said abstract of title and encumbrance estimate No. 2082.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN CUYAHOGA
COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 26, 1931.

HON. O. W. MERRELL, *Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.*

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APPROVAL, LEASE TO RESERVOIR LAND AT LAKE ST. MARYS FOR USE
FOR COTTAGE SITE AND DOCKLANDING PURPOSES—H. W. SIFERD.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 26, 1931.

HON. I. S. GUTHERY, *Director of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge receipt of your recent communication, submitted through the division of conservation in your department, by which there is