COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 15, 1923.

Hon. L. A. Boulay, Director, Department of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have recently submitted, for the approval of this department, leases covering property for branch offices of the Industrial Commission, as follows:

The Tower Building Co., Toledo, Ohio; A. G. Shaver, Martin's Ferry, Ohio; The Estate of Schantz, Cincinnati, Ohio; The Penton Building Co., Cleveland, Ohio; The Home Hotel Company, Akron, Ohio.

Section 154-17 of the General Code, in substance, provides that each department shall provide a central office in the city of Columbus; that the director of each department may, with the approval of the Governor, establish and maintain branch offices.

It is presumed that the establishing of the branch offices covered by the leases submitted has the approval of the governor, and it is noted that you state that the funds have been properly certified.

With the approval of the Governor, ample authority exists under said section 154-17 for the entering into of these leases.

Consideration of the sufficiency of the leases as to form convinces this department that the leases are in proper legal form, and the consideration therein provided being within the limits of the appropriation made in H-6, of the appropriation House Bill No. 62, I therefore approve said leases and herewith return the same.

Respectfully,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF DECATUR TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, LAWRENCE COUNTY, \$4,240.00, TO EXTEND TIME OF PAYMENT OF CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS.

Columbus, Ohio, August 15, 1923.

Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.