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Respectfully,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND THE MIDDLE STATES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, COLUMBUS, OHIO, COVERING THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF THE GENERAL CONTRACT FOR BOILERS, STOKERS, AND HOT WATER HEATERS FOR OHIO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' ORPHANS' HOME, XENIA, OHIO, AT EXPENDITURE OF \$53,865.00. SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE FIDELITY & CASUALTY COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 1, 1926.

HON. G. F. SCHLESINGER, *Director of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works for and on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans Home, and The Middle States Construction Company, of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of the general contract for boilers, stokers, and hot water heaters (exclusive of coal handling equipment) for Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, Xenia, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of \$53,865.00.

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 Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York appears as surety, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

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