

approval endorsed upon the lease and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which I am herewith enclosing.

Respectfully,

HERBERT S. DUFFY,
Attorney General.

676.

APPROVAL—LEASE EXECUTED BY THE STATE OF OHIO TO VARIOUS LESSEES NAMED THEREIN, THE LANDS BEING AT LAKE ST. MARYS, LOCK 13 NORTH OF SUMMIT LEVEL, AND AT DELPHOS, OHIO, RESPECTIVELY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 1, 1937.

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

DEAR SIR: You have submitted for my examination and approval three certain water leases in triplicate executed by you under the authority of Section 14007, General Code, to the respective lessees therein named in and by which said lessees are permitted to take water from the public works of the State for the various purposes therein stated.

These leases, designated with respect to the names of said lessees, the locations of the public works property from which the water is to be taken and the annual rentals to be paid therefor are as follows:

Name	Location	Rental
The Celina Stearic Acid Co.	Lake St. Marys	\$80.00
Cora B. Schulhoff & Albert Bulp	Lock 13 north of Summit Level	\$24.00
The Delphos Bending Co.	M. & E. at Delphos, O.	\$96.00

Upon examination of these several leases, each and all of which are renewals of leases of the same kind now or heretofore held by the respective lessees above named, I find that these leases are in conformity with the provisions of the section of the General Code above referred to. I further find that these leases have been executed by you in your official capacity and by the several leases in the manner required by law. I am accordingly approving these leases as to legality and form as is evidenced

by my approval endorsed upon the leases and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof.

Respectfully,

HERBERT S. DUFFY,

Attorney General.

677.

APPROVAL—ABSTRACT OF TITLE, WARRANTY DEED AND CONTRACT ENCUMBRANCE RECORD RELATING TO THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF A TRACT OF LAND IN HANOVER TOWNSHIP, ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 2, 1937.

HON. CARL E. STEEB, *Secretary, Board of Control, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR: Some time ago you submitted for my examination and approval an abstract of title, warranty deed, contract encumbrance record No. 41 and other files relating to the proposed purchase of a tract of 143.457 acres of land which is owned of record by Walter Dete, John B. Dete, Marguerite Dete and Mary T. Smith in Hanover Township, Ashland County, Ohio, which is more particularly described by metes and bounds in the deed which has been tendered to the State of Ohio by the above named persons as owners of the property. This property is likewise fully described by metes and bounds in Opinion No. 389, relating to the title to this property, directed to you under date of April 5, 1937.

As stated in the former opinion of this office here referred to, I found upon examination of the abstract of title submitted that said Walter Dete, John B. Dete, Marguerite Dete and Mary T. Smith had apparent title to this property by descent from their father and mother, Joseph Dete and Martha J. Dete, deceased, who obtained their title to the property by and through the last will and testament of one John B. Dete, the father of Joseph Dete, who died in the year 1909. In said opinion, it was further noted that John B. Dete, the father of Joseph Dete, obtained legal title to the property by and through a deed executed to him by the Sheriff of Ashland County under date of January 23, 1894, pursuant to an order of the Common Pleas Court of that county in a case instituted by John B. Dete to foreclose certain mortgages, which