

as is evidenced by my approval endorsed thereon and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRICKER,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL—FINDINGS RELATIVE TO RENTAL REDUCTIONS ON 20 O. & E. CANAL LAND LEASES.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 15, 1936.

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

DEAR SIR: This is to acknowledge the receipt of your communication under date of June 9, 1936, with which you enclose for my examination and approval certain findings made by you as Superintendent of Public Works continuing, during the year from November 1, 1935, to November 1, 1936, the reduced rentals on twenty certain Ohio and Erie Canal land leases, the rentals upon which were reduced by your predecessor in the office of Superintendent of Public Works, with the approval of the Governor and the Attorney General, for the year prior to that covered and affected by your finding.

The leases here in question, designated with respect to the serial numbers thereof, the names of the lessees and the respective amounts of the reduced rentals payable upon these leases for the year from November 1, 1935, to November 1, 1936, are:

<i>Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Amount of Reduced Rental</i>
O. & E. 1	The City of Akron.....	\$3.00
O. & E. 2	The City of Akron.....	693.00
O. & E. 3	The City of Akron.....	120.00
O. & E. 249	The Williams Bldg. Co.....	786.00
O. & E. 271	The City of Akron.....	394.66
O. & E. 479	The City of View Storage Co.....	480.00
O. & E. 573	The City of Akron.....	37.50
O. & E. 629	The Thomas Phillips Co.....	500.00
O. & E. 250	Albert Rowe	9.00
O. & E. 478	Ruth Doll, et al.....	6.00
O. & E. 480	Emma E. Doll.....	6.00
O. & E. 510	Mary C. Cole.....	40.00
O. & E. 80	C. E. and H. J. Ortt.....	128.80

<i>Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Amount of Reduced Rental</i>
O. & E. 81	C. E. and H. J. Ortt.....	64.40
O. & E. 82	C. E. and H. J. Ortt.....	10.50
O. & E. 287	E. D. Besst.....	18.00
O. & E. 324	G. L. Schupp.....	8.10
O. & E. 384	C. E. and H. J. Ortt.....	189.00
O. & E. 422	Clarence E. Ortt.....	14.00
O. & E. 703	C. R. Thornton.....	150.50

The annual rental provided for in each of the leases above referred to was reduced by your predecessor in office, with the approval of the Governor and the Attorney General, under House Bill No. 467, enacted by the 90th General Assembly under date of June 30, 1933, 115 O. L., 512. The findings made by you continuing in effect such reduced rental as to each of these leases for the subsequent year above noted, are under the authority of section 2 of said act (Sec. 478-2, G. C.), which provides that after an adjustment of the current annual rental upon a canal land lease has been made by the Superintendent of Public Works and a reduction in the amount of such rental has been thereby effected, such officer shall thereafter notify the lessee of his intention either to continue for another year such reduced rental which has been determined and fixed by the Superintendent for the preceding year, or of his intention to restore all or a part of such reduction of rental. This section further provides that a statement of such finding shall be presented to the Governor and the Attorney General for their approval, advising them as to the amount of rental to be collected from each of such leases, and that, when so approved, a duplicate copy thereof shall be filed with the Treasurer of State and rental bills for the ensuing year shall be rendered accordingly.

Assuming, as I must, that the annual rentals which under your findings are to be paid upon these respective leases for the current year, November 1, 1935, to November 1, 1936, are the reduced amounts of the current rentals on these leases fixed by the Superintendent of Public Works for the preceding year, these findings are approved by me, as is evidenced by my approval endorsed thereon and upon the copies thereof, all of which are herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRICKER,
Attorney General.