

Under the provisions above quoted it is my opinion that the civil service commission might, if it saw fit so to do, declare that it would be impracticable to determine by competitive examination, the merit and fitness of certain employees in the treasurer of state's office, particularly those whose duties would require the handling of large amounts of negotiable securities, coupons, and money.

Respectfully,

EDWARD C. TURNER,  
*Attorney General.*

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APPROVAL, BOND FOR FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES—  
ROBERT S. BEIGHTLER.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 6, 1927.

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

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my consideration an official bond of Robert S. Beightler, given in accordance with the requirements of Section 1182 of the General Code, for the faithful performance of his duties as resident deputy state highway commissioner.

To this bond is attached a certificate of the surety company to the effect that the person signing said bond in behalf of said company is its attorney in fact, and is authorized to sign an official bond of this nature for the amount therein involved, binding upon said company.

It has been ascertained by this department that the said surety company is authorized to transact its business of fidelity and surety insurance in this state.

Finding said bond in proper legal form, and properly executed, I have noted my approval thereon, and am returning the same herewith to you.

Respectfully,

EDWARD C. TURNER,  
*Attorney General.*

287.

DISAPPROVAL, BOND FOR FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES—  
OTHO WALTER MERRELL.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 6, 1927.

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

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my examination the official bond of Otho Walter Merrell to the state of Ohio, in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) with the Aetna Casualty & Surety Company as surety, to cover the faithful performance of his duties as resident deputy state highway commissioner. This bond was given in pursuance of the provisions of Section 1182 of the General Code.

It will be observed that the name of the principal in the body of the bond appears as, "Otho Walter Merrell" while it has been signed and executed by "O. W. Merrell." There is no evidence before this department that Otho Walter Merrell and O. W. Merrell are one and the same person.

In view of the fact that a bond of this nature provides for the faithful performance of the duties of the principal during his term of office, it is essential that care be exercised that the bond is signed by the principal in the same manner as his name appears in the body of the bond.

For this reason I am returning this bond to you without my approval entered thereon.

Respectfully,

EDWARD C. TURNER,  
*Attorney General.*

288.

DISAPPROVAL, BOND FOR FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES—G.  
MURRAY ANDERSON.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 6, 1927.

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

DEAR SIR:—Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date transmitting the bond of G. Murray Anderson, resident deputy state highway commissioner.

This bond was executed December 15th of either 1923 or 1924, both figures being shown on the bond.

It is noted that in the body of the bond the word "engineer" has been crossed out and the word "commissioner" substituted. There is nothing to show whether this change was made before or after the bond was signed by the principal and surety, and I cannot approve the bond in its present form.

I am returning the bond without my approval endorsed thereon with the recommendation that either a new bond be executed or that a statement signed by the principal and surety to the effect that the change above indicated in the body of the bond was made prior to its execution be placed upon the face of the bond. The date of the execution of the bond should also be plainly indicated.

Respectfully,

EDWARD C. TURNER,  
*Attorney General.*

289.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE C. &  
G. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, COLUMBUS, OHIO, TO CONSTRUCT  
ROAD TO AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY,  
COLUMBUS, OHIO, AT EXPENSE OF \$21,000.00—SURETY BOND EXE-  
CUTED BY THE GLOBE INDEMNITY COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 6, 1927.

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

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the Department of Highways and Public Works of the state of Ohio for and on behalf of the