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Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND R. BURTON CHILD, FINDLAY, OHIO, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNELS, LONGVIEW STATE HOSPITAL, CINCINNATI, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$20,050.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 13, 1929.

HON. RICHARD T. WISDA, *Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Superintendent of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Department of Public Welfare, and R. Burton Child, of Findlay, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of general contract for tunnels, Longview State Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of twenty thousand and fifty dollars (\$20,050.00).

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 also been submitted a contract bond upon which the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company appears as surety, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, notice to bidders was properly given, bids tabulated as required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the Workmen's Compensation Act have been complied with.

In this connection, it will be noted that the award was made prior to January 1, 1929, and that the original appropriation lapsed before such contract was approved by the Attorney General. However, it will be further noted that the 88th General Assembly, in Amended House Bill No. 203, reappropriated such funds and authorized the expenditure of money for such purposes with the consent and approval of the Controlling Board, which has been obtained.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.