

Upon examination of the abstract of title submitted, I find that said Rt. Rev. James J. Hartley has a good merchantable fee simple title to the above described property free and clear of all encumbrances except the taxes on said property for the year 1930 which taxes amounting to the sum of \$4.72 are unpaid and are a lien upon said property.

I have examined the warranty deed tendered by said Bishop Hartley and find that the same has been properly executed and acknowledged by him and that the form of said deed is such that it conveys the above described property to the State of Ohio by fee simple title free and clear of all encumbrances except the taxes on said property for the year 1930. Said warranty deed was retained by the attorney for Bishop Hartley and the same is now in his hands. This deed should, of course, be delivered to you or to the auditor of state before the transaction for the purchase of this property is closed, by the issuance of the warrant covering the purchase price of the property.

Upon examination of Encumbrance Estimate No. 2082, I find that the same, after being properly approved, was signed by the Director of Finance under date of December 29, 1930. This encumbrance estimate shows that there is a sufficient balance in the appropriate account to pay the purchase price of said property, which purchase price is the sum of \$400.00. In said encumbrance estimate there is a recital that the money necessary to pay the purchase price of this property was released by the Board of Control under date of March 17, 1930.

I am herewith returning with my approval said abstract of title and encumbrance estimate No. 2082.

Respectfully,  
GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

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2870.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN CUYAHOGA  
COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 26, 1931.

HON. O. W. MERRELL, *Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.*

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2871.

APPROVAL, LEASE TO RESERVOIR LAND AT LAKE ST. MARYS FOR USE  
FOR COTTAGE SITE AND DOCKLANDING PURPOSES—H. W. SIFERD.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 26, 1931.

HON. I. S. GUTHERY, *Director of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge receipt of your recent communication, submitted through the division of conservation in your department, by which there is

submitted for my examination and approval a certain reservoir land lease in triplicate which has been executed by the state of Ohio, acting by and through the conservation commissioner of said state.

By this lease there is leased and granted to one H. W. Siferd of Dayton, Ohio, subject to the conditions and restrictions therein provided for, the right to use and occupy for cottage site and docklanding purposes, that portion of the inner slope and water front and all the outer slope of the westerly embankment of Lake St. Marys, (sometimes known as Grand Reservoir), and the state land in the rear thereof, extending back to the state ditch that is included in the north half of Embankment Lot No. 62, lying south of the center line of Section 12, Town 6 South, Range 2 East, as laid out by H. E. Whitlock under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Works in June, 1920; said half lot having a frontage of fifty feet, as measured along the top of the outer slope of said embankment, the state reserving therefrom the right to locate a driveway along the easterly side of the state ditch.

Upon examination of said lease, which is one for a term of fifteen years, and providing for an annual rental of eighteen dollars, payable in semi-annual installments of nine dollars each, I find that said deed has been properly executed, and that the provisions thereof are in conformity with Section 471, General Code, and with other statutory enactments relating to leases of this kind.

Said lease is accordingly approved by me as to legality and form, and my approval is endorsed upon said lease and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith returned.

Respectfully,  
GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

2872.

APPROVAL, ABSTRACT OF TITLE TO LAND OF HELEN K. HEGNER IN  
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 26, 1931.

HON. CARL E. STEEB, *Business Manager, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You recently submitted for my examination and approval, an abstract of title, deed form and encumbrance record No. 2081, relating to the proposed purchase by the state of Ohio of a certain lot and parcel of land in the city of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, which parcel of land is owned of record by one Helen K. Hegner, and which is more particularly described as being Lot Number Thirty-three (33) of Critchfield and Warden's Subdivision of the south half of the north half of Lot Number Two Hundred and Seventy-eight (278) of R. P. Woodruff's Agricultural College Addition, as the same is numbered and delineated upon the recorded plat thereof, of record in Plat Book No. 4, Page 234, Recorder's Office, Franklin County, Ohio.

From my examination of the abstract of title submitted, the last continuation of which is certified by the abstractor under date of January 14, 1931, I find that said Helen K. Hegner has a good and indefeasible fee simple title to the above described lot and parcel of land, free and clear of all incumbrances except the taxes on said property for the year 1930, amounting to the sum of four dollars and eighty-two cents, which taxes are unpaid and are a lien upon said property.