It is accordingly my opinion that these bonds constitute valid and legal obligations of said city.

Respectfully,

THOMAS J. HERBERT, Attorney General.

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CONTRACT — STATE WITH BILLINGTON ELECTRIC COM-PANY, ELECTRIC WORK, RECEIVING HOSPITAL, CLEVE-LAND STATE HOSPITAL, CLEVELAND.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 16, 1939.

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

DEAR SIR: You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio acting through you as Director of the Department of Public Works for the Department of Public Welfare, and Billington Electric Company of Cleveland, Ohio, for the construction and completion of Contract for Electric Work for a project known as Receiving Hospital, Cleveland State Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, as set forth in Item No. 5, Electrical Contract for Receiving Hospital, of the Form of Proposal dated June 15, 1939, all according to Plans and Specifications, which Plans, Specifications and Proposals are made a part of this Contract. This contract calls for an expenditure of \$10,649.00.

You have submitted the following papers and documents in this connection: Notice to bidders; proof of publication; estimate of cost; division of contract; tabulation of bids; Controlling Board's Release; Workmen's Compensation Certificate showing a compliance by the contractor with the laws relating to Workmen's Compensation; form of proposal containing the contract bond signed by the Columbus Casualty Company of New York as surety, its power of attorney for the signer; its certificate of compliance showing a compliance with the laws of Ohio relating to surety companies; contract encumbrance record No. 81; recommendation of the State Architect; approval of P. W. A.,; letter from the Auditor of State, showing that all necessary papers for this project are on file in his office.

Finding said contract in proper legal form, I have noted my approval thereon, and same is transmitted herewith to you, together with all other papers submitted in this connection.

Respectfully, THOMAS J. HERBERT, Attorney General.