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after set forth, granting to you, as Director of Public Works, for the use of the Department of Industrial Relations, certain office rooms in Lima, Ohio, as follows:

Lease from the L-T Building Company of Lima, Ohio, for Rooms 512 and 513 on the fifth floor of lessor's building located at the Public Square at West Market Street, in the city of Lima, Ohio. This lease is for a term of two years, beginning on the first day of January, 1931, and ending on the 31st day of December, 1932, by the terms of which the state will be required to pay seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per month on the first day of each and every month in advance.

You have submitted encumbrance estimate No. 1235, which contains the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that funds are available for the payment of the first six months' rentals.

A resolution of the board of directors of the corporation discloses that the president and secretary are authorized to enter into this lease.

Finding said lease in proper legal form, I hereby approve it as to form and return it herewith.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,

Attorney General.

3151.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF MARION COUNTY, OHIO—\$43,000.00

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 13, 1931.

Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.

3152.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, HOCKING COUNTY, OHIO—\$550.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 13, 1931.

Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.

3153.

APPROVAL, LEASE FOR RIGHT TO TAKE WATER FROM INDIAN LAKE—THE S. L. WILGUS COMPANY.

Columbus, Ohio, April 14, 1931.

HON. ALBERT T. CONNAR, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge receipt of your recent communication submitting for my examination and approval a certain water lease, in triplicate, exe-

cuted by you as superintendent of public works and as director of said department, by the terms of which there is leased and demised to The S. L. Wilgus Company, a corporation, the right and privilege of inserting into the level of Indian Lake at a point to be designated or approved by you, a four inch pipe, through which, by pumping operations, said lessee is permitted to take from said lake water for delivery to a filtration plant which said lessee is using in connection with a swimming pool owned and operated by it.

Said lease is one for a term of fifteen years and permits the lessee to take water from the lake for said purpose from May 15, to September 15, of each year during the term of said lease; and the annual rental to be paid by the lessee for the use of such water is the sum of twelve dollars, payable in semi-annual installments of six dollars each.

Upon consideration of said lease and of the terms and provisions thereof, 1 find that the lease has been legally executed, and that the terms and provisions of the lease are in conformity with sections 431, 14009 and other sections of the General Code, relating to the execution of leases of this kind.

Said lease is accordingly hereby approved by me as to legality and form, which 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.

3154.

DISAPPROVAL, ABSTRACT OF TITLE TO LAND OF WILSON F. SMITH, DECEASED, IN FAYETTE COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 15, 1931.

Hon Carl E. Steeb, Secretary, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter submitting for my examination and approval an abstract of title, copy of real estate option, authority of controlling board, encumbrance estimate No. 813, administrator's deed and tax receipts for the year 1930, relating to the proposed purchase of 35 acres of land situated in Scioto Township, Ross County, Ohio, from Delbert Spears, as administrator of the estate of Wilson F. Smith, deceased, late of Fayette County, Ohio, said land being a part of survey No. 15056.

I find, in the chain of title to this land, several deficiencies, pending whose clarification and correction I deem it best to withhold my approval.

In the first place I notice that by a deed (p. 20, Abstract) dated July 11, 1870, Charles W. and S. Louisa Doubleday purport to convey the premises in question to one Kinsley Sherman in fee simple. By the next recorded transaction relating to this land, one George T. Murdock, as sole executor of the last will and testament of Jane H. Sherman, purports to convey said land to George D. Sherman. But nowhere do I find any intimation of the manner in which Jane H. Sherman became the owner of this land, and before approving the title, I should like some definite information concerning it.

From the Probate Court record of Fayette County, Ohio, I notice that Wilson