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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND CASSINELLI AND BRUMME, INC., OF CINCINNATI, OHIO, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF LANDSCAPE WORK FOR THE STATE OFFICE BUILDING, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$28,803.54—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE NATIONAL SURETY COMPANY OF NEW YORK, N. Y.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 10, 1932.

HON. CARMIE A. THOMPSON, *Chairman, State Office Building Commission, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the State Office Building Commission, appointed under Section 1 of House Bill No. 17 of the 88th General Assembly, passed March 14, 1929 (113 O. L. 59), and Cassinelli & Brumme, Inc., of Cincinnati, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of contract for Landscape work for the State Office Building, in accordance with Item No. 1 of the form of proposal dated July 25, 1932. Said contract calls for an expenditure of twenty-eight thousand eight hundred and three and 54/100 dollars (\$28,803.54).

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. It is to be noted that the Controlling Board's approval of the expenditure is not required under the appropriation bills which appropriate the money for this contract. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond upon which the National Surety Company of New York, New York, 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 have been complied with.

Finally, it appears that the Governor has approved all the acts of the Commission, in accordance with Section 1 of House Bill No. 17 of the 88th General Assembly.

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.