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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE BAILEY METER COMPANY OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF METERING EQUIPMENT FOR THE OHIO STATE PENITENTIARY, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$4,292.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE ALLIANCE CASUALTY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, PA.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 31, 1932.

HON. JOHN McSWEENEY, Director of Public Welfare, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Welfare (Ohio Penitentiary), and the Bailey Meter Company of Cleveland, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of Metering Equipment for the Ohio Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, in accordance with the form of proposal dated July 1, 1932. Said contract calls for an expenditure of four thousand two hundred and ninety-two dollars (\$4,292.00).

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. You have also submitted evidence that the Controlling Board has released the funds, in accordance with Section 8 of House Bill No. 624 of the 89th General Assembly. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond upon which the Alliance Casualty Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 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. A certificate of the Secretary of State shows that the above contracting foreign corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio.

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

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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ELECTION LAW — QUALIFICATION AS A POLITICAL PARTY—GROUP OF PETITIONERS MAY NOMINATE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS AND NAME OF CANDIDATES MAY APPEAR ON BALLOT—INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES NOT ENTITLED TO EMBLEM AT HEAD OF BALLOT.

SYLLABUS:

1. Upon a petition being filed with the Secretary of State and the signatures being examined and certified, all as provided in Section 4785-61, General Code, a sufficient length of time before any primary election, the group of petitioners