2706.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT OF STATE OF OHIO WITH THE HUFFMAN-WOLFE COMPANY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR PLUMBING, GAS FITTING, HEATING, ETC., IN ADDITION TO BROWN HALL, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, AT A COST OF \$15,348—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND.

Columbus, Ohio, December 16, 1921.

Hon. Leon C. Herrick, Director, Department of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted to me for approval a contract (three copies) between the Department of Highways and Public Works of the State of Ohio and The Huffman-Wolfe Company, of Columbus, Ohio. This contract is for plumbing, gas fitting and sewer, heating and ventilating for the addition to Brown Hall, to be built on the Ohio State University campus, and calls for an expenditure of fifteen thousand, three hundred and forty-eight (\$15,348.00) dollars.

Accompanying said contract is a bond to insure faithful performance, executed by Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland.

I have before me the certificate of the Director of Finance that there is an unencumbered balance legally appropriated sufficient to cover the obligations of this contract.

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

Respectfully,

JOHN G. PRICE,

Attorney-General.

2707.

DISAPPROVAL, BONDS OF ORIGINAL SURVEYED FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIP NO. 7 SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN AMOUNT OF \$14,000.

Columbus, Ohio, December 16, 1921.

Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

Re: Bonds of Original Surveyed Fractional Township No. 7 Special School District in the amount of \$14,000, issued under authority of section 7629 G. C., to erect a centralized school building.

Gentlemen:—The bond resolution, a copy of which is set forth in the transcript submitted for examination, recites that the bonds under consideration are issued under authority of section 7629 of the General Code, which section authorizes the issuance of bonds by a board of education without a vote of the electors to an amount equal to the aggregate of a tax at the rate of two mills for the year next preceding such issue. The bond resolution further recites that the tax duplicate of the school district for the year 1920 was

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\$1,230,000. Therefore, under this section, the board of education of said district was authorized to issue bonds to an amount not greater than \$2,460.00.

The board of education could, under section 7625 et seq. of the General Code, after first submitting the question of a bond issue to the electors and securing their approval, have issued bonds to the amount of the issue under consideration. There is, however, nothing in the transcript which discloses that the question of issuing said bonds was ever submitted to a vote of the electors of the district. The board of education was therefore without authority to issue bonds in the amount of the issue under consideration, and I advise that you decline to accept the same.

Respectfully,

JOHN G. PRICE,

Attorney-General.

2708.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF CLEARCREEK TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN AMOUNT OF \$5,500.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 16, 1921.

Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

2709.

DISAPPROVAL, BONDS OF WAYNE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHAM-PAIGN COUNTY, IN AMOUNT OF \$5,000.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 17, 1921.

Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

Re: Bonds of Wayne Rural School District, Champaign county, in the amount of \$5,000.

GENTLEMEN:—The bond resolution, a copy of which is set forth in the transcript for the above bond issue, recites the said bonds are issued under authority of House Bill No. 254, passed April 20, 1921. Under the legislative act referred to, the board of education may issue bonds to meet deficiencies for the year ending July 1, 1921.

In order, however, to acquire authority to issue bonds under said act, the board of education must strictly comply with the essential requirements thereof.

Sections 2 and 3 of House Bill No. 254 provide as follows:

"Section 2. The board of education of a subdivision by resolution may direct the clerk of the subdivision to make up a financial statement of such subdivision as of the 1st day of March, 1921. Such clerk shall immediately make up and file such statement with the president of the board of education of the subdivision. Such statement shall contain: