in person or by his authorized agents and representatives made such investigation as was necessary and contemplated by the act of the legislature above referred to, as to each of said applications filed with him, I am approving the findings made by the Superintendent of Public Works with respect to the rental reductions made by him on and with respect to the several leases above indicated, as is evidenced by my approval endorsed upon the several resolutions which in the files submitted to me are attached to the several findings made by the Superintendent of Public Works, and upon the copies of such resolutions, all of which, together with said findings and the several applications upon which such findings were made, are herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

John W. Bricker,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL — ABSTRACT OF TITLE, ETC., TO LAND IN SALEM TOWNSHIP, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, OHIO—ALTA B. RUSSELL AND GEORGE W. RUSSELL.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 13, 1936.

HON. L. WOODDELL, Conservation Commissioner, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR: You have submitted for my examination and approval an abstract of title, warranty deed, contract encumbrance record No. 1, Controlling Board certificate and other files relating to a tract of land in Salem Township, Champaign County, Ohio, the purchase of which has been provided for by a resolution of the Conservation Council adopted under date of April 2, 1936, pursuant to the authority conferred upon that body by Section 1435-1, General Code, and which tract of land is more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 16, Town 5, Range 12, M. R. S., thence South with the Section line 112.70 poles; thence west parallel with the north line of the section 168.88 poles; thence north with the quarter section line 112.70 poles to the north line of the section and quarter corner; thence with the section line east 169 poles to the beginning. Containing in all 120 acres, more or less, but subject to all legal highways. Being the same premises conveyed to the said Alta B. Russell by The Home Loan Company of Urbana, Ohio by deed dated

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January 30, 1932 and recorded in Deed Book 118, page 552 of the Deed Records of Champaign County, Ohio.

Upon examination of the abstract of title submitted to me, which abstract as continued is certified by the abstracter under date of April 21, 1936, and which is supplemented by certain information directed to me by the abstracter under date of May 9, 1936, I find that Alta B. Russell, the owner of record of the above described tract of land, has a good merchantable title to this property and that the same is free and clear of all encumbrances except the taxes on this property for the last half of the year 1935, amounting to the sum of \$27.15, which are due and payable in June, 1936, and the undetermined taxes for the year 1936, all of which taxes are a lien upon this property.

Upon examination of the warranty deed that has been tendered to the state by Alta B. Russell, I find that this deed has been properly executed by said Alta B. Russell and by George W. Russell, her husband, who therein expressly releases his right of dower in this property. I further find, upon examination of the provisions of this deed, that the same are effective to convey to the state of Ohio a fee simple title in and to the above described tract of land and that said deed contains a covenant that the property is free and clear of all encumbrances whatsoever. This deed, however, contains the recital that "Grantee herein assumes the payment of all taxes and assessments on said land after the December, 1935, taxes." I assume, in this connection, that this recital in the deed is in accordance with some arrangement or understanding by and between Alta B. Russell, the owner of the land, and some authorized representative of your department. In any event, it is suggested that some arrangements be made for the payment or adjustment of the taxes on this property before the transaction relating to the purchase of this property is closed.

The warranty deed above referred to is approved by me as is likewise contract encumbrance record No. 1 which has been properly executed and which shows that there is an unencumbered balance in the appropriation act to the credit of the Division of Conservation sufficient in amount to pay the purchase price of this property which is the sum of \$84.00.

It further appears from a recital in said contract encumbrance record, as well as from a certificate duly signed by the President of the Controlling Board, that said board under date of April 14, 1936, approved the purchase of the above described property and authorized the transfer and release of the moneys necessary to pay the purchase price of this property.

Subject only to the exceptions above noted with respect to the taxes on this property, the title of Alta B. Russell in and to this property is

approved as is likewise the warranty deed and other files relating to the purchase of the property, all of which are herewith returned to you to the end that the same, together with your voucher covering the purchase price of the property, may be forwarded to the Auditor of State for his warrant payable to Alta B. Russell, the owner of record of this property.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRICKER,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL—BONDS OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, \$5,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 13, 1936.

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

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APPROVAL—BONDS OF CITY OF AKRON, SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO, \$7,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 13, 1936.

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

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APPROVAL—BONDS OF CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO, \$7,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 13, 1936.

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