

financial embarrassment and pressure, is sold at the usual market price for such an article, I am inclined to the view that such a transaction may very properly be held to be nothing more nor less than a device on the part of the lender to evade the usury laws.

Respectfully,  
 GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

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APPROVAL, LEASE TO OHIO CANAL LANDS IN LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP, COSHOCTON COUNTY, OHIO, FOR PASTURAGE AND AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES—IRVIN SNEDEKER.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 9, 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 lease in triplicate, executed by you as superintendent of public works on behalf of the State of Ohio, by which lease there is granted to one Irvin Snedeker of Fresno, Ohio, the right to use and occupy for pasturage and agricultural purposes only a portion of the Ohio Canal lands located in Lafayette Township, Coshocton County, Ohio, and more particularly described as follows:

“Beginning at a line drawn at right angles to the transit line of the G. F. Silliman survey of said canal property through Station 3230 of said survey, and running thence westerly 400 feet, as measured along said transit line to a line drawn at right angles to said transit line through Station 3234 of said survey, and containing five and seven-tenths (5.7) acres, more or less; excepting therefrom any portion of the above described property that may be occupied by the public highway along the easterly and northerly sides of the above described property.”

The lease here in question is one for a term of fifteen years and the same calls for an annual rental of seventeen dollars, payable in semi-annual installments of eight dollars and fifty cents each.

Upon examination of the provisions of said lease, I find that the same are in accordance with the provisions of Sections 13965, et seq., General Code, and with other statutory provisions relating to leases of this kind. Said lease is therefore approved by me as to legality and form, as is evidenced by my approval endorsed upon said lease and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith returned.

Respectfully,  
 GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*