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pared 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 compiled with.

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.

1875.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND E. ELFORD AND SON, COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR REHABILITATION OF OHIO STATE PENITENTIARY, COLUMBUS, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$51,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 17, 1930.

HON. ALBERT T. CONNAR, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Works for the Department of Public Welfare, and E. Elford and Son, of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the rehabilitation of the Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, and calls for an estimated expenditure of fifty-one thousand dollars (\$51,000.00).

Evidence has been submitted showing that the procedure for force account as required by Section 7 of House Bill No. 510 of the 88th General Assembly has been followed and that the Controlling Board has consented to such procedure.

You have also submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance that funds are available to meet the obligations of the contract as required by Section 2288-2 of the General Code.

Finding said contract 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.

1876.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND H. J. WRIGHT, KENT, OHIO, FOR GRADING AT KENT STATE COLLEGE, KENT, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$1,750.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY H. J. WRIGHT AND METTA O. WRIGHT.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 19, 1930.

HON. ALBERT T. CONNAR, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Works, for the Board of Trustees of Kent State College, and H. J. Wright of Kent, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of contract for grading (exclusive of contract for cement walk), Kent State College, Kent, Ohio, as set forth in Item 1 of proposal dated November 16, 1929, as modified by the "Substitution Sheet" thereto attached, excluding three inches of top soil. Said contract calls for an expenditure of one thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,750.00).

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 consent of the Controlling Board to the release of funds has been obtained in accordance with Section 11 of House Bill No. 510 of the 88th General Assembly. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond upon which H. J. Wright and Metta O. Wright appear as sureties, in the penal sum of two thousand dollars, sufficient to comply with Section 2365-2, General Code.

Inasmuch as the contract is less than three thousand dollars, the exact provisions of Section 2314 et seq. of the General Code, concerning filing of plans, advertising and tabulating bids did not have to be followed. It appears that the laws relating to the Workmen's Compensation Act have been complied with.

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.

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF SALT ROCK TOWNSHIP, MARION COUNTY-\$2,836.52.

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

1878.

APPROVAL, AGREEMENT FOR ELIMINATION OF GRADE CROSSING NEAR FREDERICKSTOWN, KNOX COUNTY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 19, 1930.

HON. ROBERT N. WAID, Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:-You have submitted copy of proposed agreement between the State and The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, relative to elimination of a grade crossing on S. H. No. 338, one mile north of Frederickstown, Knox County, Ohio.

After examination it is my opinion that when said agreement is properly executed it will be correct as to form and legality.

Said form is being returned herewith.

Respectfully, GILBERT BETTMAN, Attorney General.