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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC WORKS, WITH BOARD OF TRUSTEES, KENT STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AND THE THATCHER HEATING COMPANY, AKRON, OHIO, FOR HEATING, VENTILATING AND PLUMBING, LIBRARY BUILDING, KENT STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AT A COST OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS—FEDERAL SURETY COMPANY, SURETY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 11, 1927.

HON. G. F. SCHLESINGER, *Director of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works, for and on behalf of the board of trustees, Kent State Normal School, and the Thatcher Heating Company, of Akron, Ohio. This contract covers the heating and ventilating and plumbing contract for library building, Kent State Normal School, Kent, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00).

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. There has further been submitted a contract bond upon which the Federal Surety Company 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 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,
EDWARD C. TURNER,
Attorney General.

75.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT—WITHOUT AUTHORITY TO LEASE LANDS ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE FOR OIL OR GAS PURPOSES—NOT MATERIAL THAT LAND BE USED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

SYLLABUS:

A board of education of a school district is without authority to lease lands, which it has acquired by purchase, for oil or gas purposes, regardless of whether or not such lands be used for school purposes.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 12, 1927.

HON. VERNER E. METCALF, *Prosecuting Attorney, Marietta, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 20, 1927, reading as follows: .