

Specifically answering your question, I am of the opinion that under our present laws you have authority to cooperate with the United States Department of Agriculture in a campaign to clean up the European corn borer in this state. While you could not turn your funds over to the federal authorities you could have your men and your department generally work right along with the federal employes and you could make and enforce the necessary rules, regulations, inspections and quarantines as you may deem proper for the purpose of eradicating the particular pest.

Respectfully,

EDWARD C. TURNER.

*Attorney General.*

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135.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF VILLAGE OF PARMA HEIGHTS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO—\$12,132.50.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 2, 1927.

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

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136.

DISAPPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO, THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC WORKS WITH THE LORD & BURNHAM COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 2, 1927.

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

DEAR MR. SCHLESINGER:—I am in receipt of your letter of February 23, 1927, with which you enclose a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works, and The Lord & Burnham Company. I am in receipt of information that the work contemplated in this contract has been accomplished by the contractor previous to the time of submitting the same for my approval.

Section 2319 of the General Code in part provides:

“ \* \* \* no contract shall be entered into until \* \* \* and until the contract and bond shall be submitted to the Attorney General and his approval certified thereon.”

In view of the fact that the contractor could not properly enter upon the work and complete the same until the approval of this department as to the contract under which he was working had been obtained, I am therefore returning this contract to you without my approval entered thereon.

Respectfully,

EDWARD C. TURNER.

*Attorney General.*