2772.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE PITSCH-NILLES, INCORPORATED, OF AKRON, OHIO, FOR PLUMB-ING, SEWERS AND HEATING FOR REMODELING MERRILL HALL, KENT STATE COLLEGE, KENT, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$19,300.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE GUARDIAN CASUAL-TY COMPANY OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 31, 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, Kent State College, Kent, Ohio, and the Pitsch-Nilles, Incorporated, of Akron, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of contract for combined plumbing, sewers and heating (exclusive of general and electrical work) for remodeling Merrill Hall, Kent State College, Kent, Ohio, as set forth in Item No. 3, Item No. 15, Alternate No. 9, Item No. 16, Alternate No. 10, Item No. 23, Alternate No. 17, and Item No. 24, Alternate No. 18 of the Form of Proposal dated December 20, 1930. Said contract calls for an expenditure of nineteen thousand three hundred dollars (\$19,300.00).

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 shown that the Controlling Board has consented to the expenditure in accordance with Section 11 of House Bill 510 of the 88th General Assembly. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond upon which the Guardian Casualty Company of Buffalo, New York, 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, Gilbert Bettman, Attorney General.

2773.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE J. E. CHRISTIAN COMPANY OF AKRON, OHIO, FOR GENERAL WORK FOR REMODELING MERRILL HALL, KENT STATE COLLEGE, KENT, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$46,709.00—SURETY BOND EXE-CUTED BY THE INDEPENDENT INDEMNITY COMPANY OF PHILA-DELPHIA, PA.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 31, 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