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APPROVAL, BONDS OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
 RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO, \$2,549.59.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 16, 1935.

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

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INDIGENT—RETAINS LEGAL SETTLEMENT FOR POOR RELIEF PURPOSES  
 UPON MOVING TO AND LIVING ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S LAND  
 TERRITORIALLY LOCATED WITHIN TOWNSHIP WITHIN WHICH HE  
 HAD LEGAL SETTLEMENT.

**SYLLABUS:**

*Where an indigent has a legal settlement in a township and moves to and lives on land owned by the Federal Government which is territorially within that township, such indigent not having obtained a new legal settlement, retains his legal settlement in the township from which he moved.*

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 18, 1935.

HON. LESTER S. REID, *Prosecuting Attorney, Chillicothe, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your communication which reads as follows:

“In this County there is a considerable amount of land owned by the Federal Government which was purchased by the Government during the World War and which was used by a firing range, consisting of some one thousand acres. Numerous families have become squatters upon this territory and the local subdivisions do not receive any compensation in the form of taxes on this land.

The question which I desire to have answered, is: Assuming that these people have the legal requirements to be furnished with relief by the Township Trustees, whether the fact that they live on this Government land would be sufficient to warrant the Township Trustees in refusing to aid such parties on the ground that it is Government land and over which land the Township Trustees have no jurisdiction in any manner?”

By virtue of Article I, Section 8, cl. 17 of the Constitution of the United States Congress acquires exclusive jurisdiction over lands within a state whenever, by the consent of its legislature, such lands are purchased by the United States “for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dockyards, and other needful buildings” and in such case no express cession of jurisdiction is required, the jurisdiction of the state being completely ousted.

Section 13770, General Code of Ohio provides:

“That the consent of the state of Ohio is hereby given in accordance with the seventeenth clause, eighth section, of the first article of the constitution of