

O. S. 489, while not directly in point, is worthy of consideration in connection with this question.

In view of the foregoing, I advise you not to purchase these bonds.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

2662.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF PATASKALA VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO—\$50,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 10, 1930.

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

2663.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND THE ART METAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK, FOR BOOK STACK ROOM EQUIPMENT IN LIBRARY BUILDING AT THE OHIO UNIVERSITY, ATHENS, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$29,736.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE AETNA CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 11, 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 Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, and The Art Metal Construction Company, of Jamestown, New York. This contract covers the construction and completion of contract for book stack room equipment to be installed in a building known as a Library Building at the Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, as set forth in Item No. 19, Item No. 24 (Alternate No. 1), Item No. 25 (Alternate No. 2) and Addendum No. 7 of the Form of Proposal dated May 26, 1930. Said contract calls for an expenditure of twenty-nine thousand seven hundred and thirty-six dollars (\$29,736.00).

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 furnished evidence showing that the Controlling Board has approved the expenditure as required by Section 11 of House Bill No. 510 of the 88.h General Assembly. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond, upon which the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company of Hartford, Connecticut, appears as surety, in an amount sufficient to cover the contract price.

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