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APPROVAL, BONDS OF HANCOCK COUNTY, OHIO-\$17,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 6, 1931.

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

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APPROVAL, TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO THE SALE OF CANAL LANDS IN THE CITY OF CHILLICOTHE, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO—THE CHILLICOTHE PAPER COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 7, 1931.

HON. A. T. CONNAR, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my examination and approval a transcript of your findings and proceedings relating to the sale to The Chillicothe Paper Company of Chillicothe, Ohio, of a certain tract of abandoned Ohio and Erie Canal lands in said city, which tract is more particularly described as follows:

"That portion of the abandoned Ohio Canal in the City of Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, commencing at the northerly right-of-way line of the C. H. & D. Railway crossing over said abandoned canal, and extending northwesterly including the full width of the bed and embankments of said abandoned Ohio Canal, a distance of 1670 feet, more or less, to the southerly line produced of Eighth Street in said city, and containing three (3) acres, more or less."

The sale of the above described tract of canal lands is pursuant to the authority of an act of the 89th General Assembly passed April 10, 1931, and which went into effect on the 5th day of August, 1931. This act provided for the abandonment of the above described tract of land for canal purposes, and for the sale of the same at private sale to the owner or owners of abutting lands. It appears from the findings made by you that The Chillicothe Paper Company is the owner of lands abutting the canal lands here in question, and as such owner is entitled to purchase this tract of canal lands at the appraisement under which said company now holds this property by lease.

It appearing further that the sale of this property is in conformity with the provisions of said act and with other statutory provisions relating to the sale of canal lands, said sale is hereby approved by me as is evidenced by my signature endorsed upon said transcript and upon the duplicate copy thereof.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN, Attorney General.