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The Board of Regents met at their Office on Tuesday evening at 8:30 P.M., April 25, 1900. Present: W. E. Dean and J. N. Evans, absent: H. S. Starrett.

Upon motion of Regent Deal, the letter of W. D. Jones, Attorney General, under date of December 27, 1899, with reference to leasing a plot of ground on the University Campus for the erection of a residence for the President of the University be recorded as follows:

STATE OF NEVADA

W. D. Jones

Attorney-General

Carson City, December 27, 1899

J. E. Stubbs

President Nevada State University

Reno, Nevada

Dear Sir:

As to the authority of the Board of Regents of the State University to lease to the President of the University a plot of ground on the University Campus on which the President may build a President's House for use as the official and private or family residence of the President, I have the honor to say:

Art. XI, Sec. 4 of the Constitution directs that the State University shall be controlled by a Board of Regents, whose duties shall be prescribed by law.

I need not suggest that within the term "State University" is included all State University property.

The Legislature has nowhere in express terms said that the Regents may lease or dispose of University property, but has repeatedly vested in the Regents the management and control

of such property.

Gen. Stats, 1379, 1389

Stats. 1887, p. 42.

In the case now being considered the point is: Have the Regents the authority to lease to the President of the University University ground upon which the President may erect (at his personal expense) "A President's House for use as the official and private family residence of the President?"

If this is done, and the President should build the house, it should be expressed in the lease that the land will remain the property of the State University, subject to the lease, and the President's House will be the private property of the President.

It should also be expressed in the lease that the Regents are to have control over the premises the same after the house is built as over other University property, and that upon the ceasing of the present, or any succeeding President, to whom the house may be demised, to be President of the University, the Regents are to have the refusal to purchase for the University the building, at cost, less the actual wear and tear;

and in no event shall the house be transferred to, or be occupied by any person or persons, except the President of the University and his family and guests, without the official consent of the Board of Regents.

Under such conditions it is my opinion that the Regents have the authority to lease suitable University land to the President of the University upon which to, and for the purpose of permitting him to build a President's House for the uses named.

I do not wish to be understood as advising that the Regents would be authorized to lease any University property to any except those directly connected with and constituting a part of the University, and then only when the property leased is used only for University purposes, and supervised by the Regents to the extent of leaving under their supervision all matters relating to the University.

I advise that the lease, before execution, be submitted to and approved by the State Board of Examiners, of whom the Governor and Secretary of State are members, that they may be personally informed of the transaction before execution.

Respectfully,

W. D. Jones

Attorney-General

Regent Deal offered the following preamble and resolution which was upon motion carried.

WHEREAS, it is absolutely necessary that the President of the State University should reside upon the grounds at the University belonging to the State, and

WHEREAS, by reason of the crowded condition of the buildings now erected there is no sufficient or suitable accommodation for the President or his family, and for the above and other causes it is for the best interests of the University that there be constructed and furnished, as soon as practicable, a suitable home and official residence for the President;

WHEREAS, there are no public funds appropriated or available for the purposes of constructing or furnishing such a residence, and

WHEREAS, J. E. Stubbs and others have agreed to advance to

the State of Nevada until the State of Nevada may repay the same, a sum of not less than Seven Thousand dollars, to be expended for such purposes as the Board of Regents may direct, upon condition, that a portion of the grounds of the University suitable for said purposes and herein after described, shall be leased to said J. E. Stubbs at a nominal rental until the said sums so advanced, are repaid.

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Board of Regents in meeting regularly assembled, that the President and Secretary of the Board be, and they hereby are authorized in the name and on behalf of the State of Nevada, by and through the Board of Regents of the Nevada State University, to execute and deliver to J. E. Stubbs a lease at an annual rental of One dollar, for the period of ten years, with the right of successive renewals for the same period, upon the same terms, and until all sums of money advanced by J. E. Stubbs and others, for the purpose of building and furnishing an official residence, thereon for the President of the University, have been repaid by the State of Nevada.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

J. N. Evans

President

Geo. H. Taylor