

Section 3. The provisions of this act shall not apply to automobile clubs organized under the laws of this Commonwealth as corporations of the first class.

Act not to apply to automobile clubs.

Section 4. All other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

APPROVED—The 12th day of June, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

NO. 200

AN ACT

Providing for joint action by Pennsylvania and New Jersey in the development of the ports on the lower Delaware River, and the improvement of the facilities for transportation across the river; authorizing the Governor, for these purposes, to enter into an agreement with New Jersey; creating The Delaware River Joint Commission and specifying the powers and duties thereof, including the power to finance projects by the issuance of revenue bonds; transferring to the new commission all the powers of the Delaware River Bridge Joint Commission; and making an appropriation.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Governor is hereby authorized to enter into a compact or agreement on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with the State of New Jersey in substantially the following form, that is to say:

Delaware River.
Joint compact with New Jersey.
Form.

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

CREATING THE DELAWARE RIVER JOINT COMMISSION AS A BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey are the owners of a certain bridge across the Delaware River between the City of Philadelphia in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Camden in the State of New Jersey; and

Preamble.

Whereas, The Pennsylvania Commission, existing by virtue of Act Number Three hundred thirty-eight of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved July ninth, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred fourteen), and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and the New Jersey Interstate Bridge Commission, existing by virtue of Chapter Two hundred seventy-one of the

Laws of New Jersey of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, are acting jointly, under the name of the Delaware River Bridge Joint Commission, in connection with the operation and maintenance of said bridge; and

Whereas, The interests of the people of the two States will be best served by consolidating the two commissions in corporate form, and granting additional powers and authority thereto with reference to the said bridge, and to other and further means of communication between the two States in the vicinity of Philadelphia and Camden; and

Whereas, Additional transportation facilities between the two States in the vicinity of Philadelphia and that part of New Jersey opposite thereto will be required in the future for the accommodation of the public and the development of both States; and

Whereas, Both States have mutual interests in the development of the Delaware River from Philadelphia and Camden to the sea, and particularly in developing the facilities and promoting the more extensive use of the ports of Philadelphia and Camden by coastwise, intercoastal and foreign vessels; and

Whereas, It is highly desirable that there be a single agency of both States empowered to further the aforesaid interests of both States;

Now Therefore, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey do hereby solemnly covenant and agree, each with the other, as follows:

ARTICLE I.

There is hereby created a body corporate and politic, to be known as The Delaware River Joint Commission (hereinafter in this agreement called the "Commission"), which shall constitute the public corporate instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey for the following public purposes, and which shall be deemed to be exercising an essential governmental function in effectuating such purposes, to wit:

The Delaware
River Joint
Commission
created

Purposes.

(a) The operation and maintenance of the bridge owned jointly by the two States and the City of Philadelphia, as its interests may appear, across the Delaware River between the City of Philadelphia in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Camden in the State of New Jersey, including its approaches, and the making of additions and improvements thereto;

(b) The effectuation, establishment, construction, operation and maintenance of railroad or other facil-

ities for the transportation of passengers across the said bridge, including extensions thereof to the vicinity of Race Street and Eighth Street in the City of Philadelphia and to the vicinity of Carman Street and Haddon Avenue in the City of Camden;

(c) The investigation of the necessity for additional means of communication between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the vicinity of Philadelphia and the State of New Jersey opposite thereto, and between the ports of Philadelphia and Camden and the sea, and making of such studies, surveys and estimates as may be necessary to determine the feasibility and cost of any such additional means of communication, whether the same be by bridge, tunnel, canal, or otherwise; and

(d) Cooperation with all other bodies interested or concerned with or affected by the promotion, development or use of the Delaware River;

(e) The procurement from the Government of the United States of any consents which may be requisite to enable any project within its powers to be carried forward;

(f) The promotion of the Delaware River as a highway of commerce between Philadelphia and Camden and the sea;

(g) The promotion of increased commerce on the Delaware River, both freight and passenger, and, for this purpose, the publication of such literature and the adoption of such means as may be deemed appropriate;

(h) To study and make recommendations to the proper authorities for the improvement of terminal, lighterage, wharfage, warehouse, and other facilities necessary for the promotion of commerce on the Delaware River;

(i) Institution, through the Attorneys General of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, of or intervention in any litigation involving rates, preferences, rebates, or other matters vital to the interests of the ports of the Delaware River;

(j) Any other functions which may be of mutual benefit to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey, insofar as concerns the promotion and development of the ports of Philadelphia and of Camden, and the use by commercial vessels of their facilities.

ARTICLE II.

The commission shall consist of sixteen commissioners, eight resident voters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and eight resident voters of the State of New Jersey, who shall serve without compensation.

How constituted.

The first eight commissioners for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be the Governor of the Com-

Pennsylvania commissioners.

monwealth, the Auditor General, the State Treasurer, the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, and the four additional persons now serving as members of the Pennsylvania Commission, existing by virtue of Act Number Three hundred thirty-eight of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved July ninth, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred fourteen), and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

New Jersey
commissioners.

The first eight commissioners for the State of New Jersey shall be the eight individuals now holding office as members of the New Jersey Interstate Bridge Commission, existing by virtue of Chapter Two hundred seventy-one of the Laws of said State of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, approved May sixth, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine, and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, which said eight individuals are hereby appointed by said State as such commissioners, who shall serve for their unexpired terms as members of the New Jersey Interstate Bridge Commission. Succeeding commissioners shall be elected by the Legislature to serve for terms of five years.

Personnel.

For the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Governor, the Auditor General, the State Treasurer, and the executive head of the City of Philadelphia, in office at the time, shall always be members of the commission, and, in addition thereto, there shall be four members appointed by the Governor, who shall be known as appointive members. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the appointive membership of the commission, the Governor shall appoint a member to serve for a term of five years from the date of his appointment.

Appointive
members.

Vacancies and
term.

Legislative
appointment.

For the State of New Jersey, whenever a vacancy in the office of commissioner shall occur, such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Legislature. If the Legislature shall not be in session when the vacancy occurs, such vacancy shall be filled by the Governor, and such appointee shall hold office until the Legislature convenes.

Holding over.

All commissioners shall continue to hold office after the expiration of the terms for which they are appointed or elected unless and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified, but no period during which any commissioner shall hold over shall be deemed to be an extension of his term of office for the purpose of computing the date on which his successor's term expires.

ARTICLE III.

The commissioners shall have charge of the commission's property and affairs, and shall, for the purpose of doing business, constitute a board, but no action of the commissioners shall be binding unless a majority of the members of the commission from Pennsylvania and a majority of the members of the commission from New Jersey shall vote in favor thereof.

Commissioners to have charge of property and affairs.

Majority vote.

ARTICLE IV.

For the effectuation of its authorized purposes, the commission is hereby granted the following powers:

Powers of Commission.

- (a) To have perpetual succession;
- (b) To sue and be sued;
- (c) To adopt and use an official seal;
- (d) To elect a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer, and to adopt suitable by-laws for the management of its affairs. The secretary and treasurer need not be members of the commission.
- (e) To appoint such other officers, and such agents and employes, as it may require for the performance of its duties, and fix and determine their qualifications, duties and compensation;
- (f) To enter into contracts;
- (g) To acquire, own, hire, use, operate and dispose of personal property;
- (h) To acquire, own, use, lease, operate and dispose of real property and interests in real property, and to make improvements thereon;
- (i) To grant the use of, by franchise, lease or otherwise, and to make charges for the use of, any property or facility owned or controlled by it;
- (j) To borrow money upon its bonds or other obligations, either with or without security;
- (k) To exercise the right of eminent domain;
- (l) To determine the exact location, system and character of, and all other matters in connection with, any and all improvements or facilities which it may be authorized to own, construct, establish, effectuate, operate or control;
- (m) In addition to the foregoing, to exercise the powers, duties, authority and jurisdiction heretofore conferred and imposed upon the aforesaid Pennsylvania Commission and upon the aforesaid New Jersey Interstate Bridge Commission, severally, or upon both of said commissions jointly, by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the State of New Jersey, or both of the said two States; and
- (n) To exercise all other powers, not inconsistent with the constitutions of the two States or of the United States, which may be reasonably necessary or incidental

to the effectuation of its authorized purposes or to the exercise of any of the foregoing powers, except the power to levy taxes or assessments; and generally to exercise, in connection with its property and affairs and in connection with property within its control, any and all powers which might be exercised by a natural person or a private corporation in connection with similar property and affairs.

ARTICLE V.

Acquisition of real property for public use.

If for any of its authorized purposes (including temporary construction purposes), the commission shall find it necessary or convenient to acquire any real property in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the State of New Jersey, whether for immediate or future use, the commission may find and determine that such property, whether a fee simple absolute or a lesser interest, is required for public use, and, upon such determination, the said property shall be deemed to be required for a public use until otherwise determined by the commission, and, with the exceptions hereinafter specifically noted, the said determination shall not be affected by the fact that such property has theretofore been taken for or is then devoted to a public use, but the public use in the hands or under the control of the commission shall be deemed superior to the public use in the hands or under the control of any other person, association or corporation.

Pennsylvania procedure.

If the commission is unable to agree with the owner or owners thereof upon terms for the acquisition of any such real property in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for any reason whatsoever, then the commission may acquire such real property in the manner provided by Act Number Three hundred and thirty-eight of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved July ninth, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, for the acquisition of real property by the aforesaid Pennsylvania Commission.

New Jersey procedure.

If the commission is unable to agree with the owner or owners thereof upon terms for the acquisition of any such real property in the State of New Jersey for any reason whatsoever, then the commission may acquire, and is hereby authorized to acquire, such property, whether a fee simple absolute or a lesser interest, by condemnation or the exercise of the right of eminent domain, either under and pursuant to the provisions of the Act of the State of New Jersey, entitled "An act to regulate the ascertainment and payment of compensation for property condemned or taken for public use," (Revision of one thousand nine hundred, ap-

proved March twentieth, one thousand nine hundred), and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, or under and pursuant to the provisions of an act, entitled "An act concerning and regulating acquisition and taking of lands by the State of New Jersey, or any agency thereof; providing a procedure therefor, and, the manner of making compensation for lands so taken," approved April twenty-first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and the various acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

The power of the commission to acquire real property by condemnation or the exercise of the power of eminent domain in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey shall be a continuing power and no exercise thereof shall be deemed to exhaust it.

Continuing power.

The commission and its duly authorized agents and employes may enter upon any land, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the State of New Jersey, for the purpose of making such surveys, maps, or other examinations thereof, as it may deem necessary or convenient for its authorized purposes.

Right to enter upon land.

However, anything to the contrary contained in this compact notwithstanding, no property, now or hereafter vested in or held by any county, city, borough, village, township or other municipality or port district, shall be taken by the commission without the consent of such municipality or port district, unless expressly authorized so to do by the Commonwealth or State in which such municipality or port district is located. All counties, cities, boroughs, villages, townships and other municipalities, and all public agencies and commissions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey, notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, are hereby authorized and empowered to grant and convey to the commission upon its request, but not otherwise, upon reasonable terms and conditions, any real property which may be necessary or convenient to the effectuation of its authorized purposes, including real property already devoted to public use.

Property of municipality or port district.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey hereby consent to the use and occupation by the commission of any real property of the said two States, or of either of them, which may be or become necessary or convenient to the effectuation of the authorized purposes of the commission, including lands lying under water and lands already devoted to public use.

Use and occupation of real property.

The term "real property," as used in this compact, includes lands, structures, franchises, and interests in land, including lands under water and riparian rights,

"Real property," defined.

and any and all things and rights usually included within the said term, and includes not only fees simple absolute but also any and all lesser interests, such as easements, rights of way, uses, leases, licenses, and all other incorporeal hereditaments, and every estate, interest or right, legal or equitable, including terms of years and liens thereon by way of judgments, mortgages or otherwise, and also claims for damage to real estate.

ARTICLE VI.

Time of taking
control of bridge.

The control, operation, tolls and other revenues of the aforesaid existing bridge across the Delaware River between the City of Philadelphia and the City of Camden, and of all real and personal property appurtenant thereto or used in connection therewith, shall vest in the commission on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, and the terms of the members of the aforesaid Pennsylvania Commission and the aforesaid New Jersey Interstate Bridge Commission shall cease and terminate on that date.

Moneys to be
paid by commis-
sion to—

On or before the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the commission shall pay, to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State of New Jersey, and the city of Philadelphia, the following sums out of moneys, raised by said commission on its bonds or other obligations:

Pennsylvania.

(a) An amount equal to the moneys contributed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania toward the cost of acquiring property for and constructing said bridge and the approaches thereto, and expenditures incident thereto, with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, such interest to be computed from the dates on which installments of such funds were paid to the Delaware River Bridge Joint Commission by the said Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as shown by the records of its State Treasurer, less, however, the amount returned to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from the net revenues of the bridge between July first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and June thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, and less interest, at the rate of four per centum per annum, upon such amount computed from the dates of repayment to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

New Jersey.

(b) An amount equal to the moneys contributed by the State of New Jersey toward the cost of acquiring property for and constructing said bridge and the approaches thereto, and expenditures incident thereto, with interest theretofore actually paid by the State of New Jersey or accrued upon the bonds issued by said State to borrow money to pay its share of the cost

of acquiring property for and construction of said bridge and approaches thereto, and all expenditures incident thereto, less, however, the amount returned to the State of New Jersey from the net revenues of the bridge between July first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and June thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, and less interest, at the rate of four and one-fourth per centum per annum, upon such amount computed from the dates of repayment to the State of New Jersey;

(c) An amount equal to the moneys contributed by Philadelphia. the City of Philadelphia toward the cost of acquiring property for and constructing said bridge and the approaches thereto, and expenditures incident thereto, with interest theretofore actually paid by the City of Philadelphia or accrued upon the bonds issued by said city to borrow money to pay its share of the cost of acquiring property for and construction of said bridge and approaches thereto, and all expenditures incident thereto, less, however, the amount returned to the City of Philadelphia from the net revenues of the bridge between July first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and June thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, and less interest, at the rate of four and one-fourth per centum per annum, upon such amount computed from the dates of repayment to the City of Philadelphia;

(d) As soon as is practicable subsequently to July first, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, the commission shall determine, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State of New Jersey, and the City of Philadelphia, the net amounts due to each, respectively, as of the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, and from that date until the date of payment, interest shall be paid by the commission to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the rate of four per centum per annum and the State of New Jersey and the City of Philadelphia at the rate of four and one-fourth per centum per annum.

(e) The amount payable by the commission to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as aforesaid, shall be paid to the State Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania upon a voucher signed and audited by said State Treasurer, who is hereby authorized to consummate the said transaction. The amount payable to the State of New Jersey shall be paid to the Comptroller of said State upon a voucher signed and audited by said Comptroller, who is hereby authorized to consummate the said transaction. The amount payable to the City of Philadelphia shall be paid to the treasurer of the said city upon a voucher signed and audited by said treasurer, who is hereby authorized to con-

Determination of amount.

Interest rate.

To whom payments are to be made.

summate the said transaction. Upon the receipt of the proper payment, each of said officials shall certify to The Delaware River Joint Commission that all moneys payable by The Delaware River Joint Commission to the Commonwealth, State, or city, as the case may be, have been duly paid;

Existing rights
and obligations.

(f) Nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect, diminish or impair the rights and obligations created by, or to repeal any of the provisions of, Chapter Three hundred and fifty-two of the Laws of New Jersey of one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and Chapter Two hundred and sixty-two of the Laws of New Jersey of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and Chapter Three hundred and thirty-six of the Laws of New Jersey of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and Chapter Thirty-three of the Laws of New Jersey of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and Chapter Sixty-four of the Laws of New Jersey of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

New Jersey sinking
fund.

(g) Of the money paid to the State of New Jersey under the provisions of this agreement, there shall be paid to the Sinking Fund Commission, created by the provisions of the foregoing statutes, such sum or sums as said Sinking Fund Commission may deem necessary to meet the then existing indebtedness and obligations set forth in said statutes, together with such interest and other charges as may be due or may grow due. The amount thus to be paid to the Sinking Fund Commission shall be arrived at and determined by said Sinking Fund Commission within ninety days after payment is made to the State of New Jersey pursuant to the provisions of this agreement. The moneys to be paid to and received by said Sinking Fund Commission are hereby appropriated by the State of New Jersey and are to be used for sinking fund purposes according to law.

Failures to make
payments not to
impair rights of
bond holders.

(h) No failure on the part of the commission to make the aforesaid payments to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the State of New Jersey, or to the City of Philadelphia, shall affect, diminish or impair the rights of the holders of any bonds or other securities or obligations of said commission, as security for which the tolls and other revenues of the said bridge may be pledged.

ARTICLE VII.

Credit of States
or municipalities
not to be pledged.

Notwithstanding any provision of this agreement, the commission shall have no power to pledge the credit of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or the credit of the State of New Jersey, or the credit of any county, city, borough, village, township or other municipality of said Commonwealth or of said State, or to

create any debt of said Commonwealth or of said State or of such municipality.

ARTICLE VIII.

The commission is hereby authorized to make and enforce such rules and regulations, and to establish, levy and collect (or to authorize, by contract, franchise, lease or otherwise, the establishment, levying and collection of) such tolls, rents, rates, and other charges in connection with the aforesaid existing bridge across the Delaware River and any other properties which it may hereafter construct, erect, acquire, own, operate or control, as it may deem necessary, proper, desirable and reasonable, which said tolls, rents, rates, and other charges shall be at least sufficient to meet the expenses thereof, including interest and sinking fund charges; and the commission is hereby authorized and empowered to pledge such tolls, rates, rents, and other revenues, or any part thereof, either presently received or to be received in the future, or both, as security of the repayment, with interest, of any moneys borrowed by it or advanced to it for any of its authorized purposes and as security for the satisfaction of any other obligation assumed by it in connection with such loans or advances.

Rules and regulations.

Commission authorized to pledge tolls, etc.

ARTICLE IX.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey hereby covenant and agree with each other and with the holders of any bonds or other securities or obligations of the commission, for which there may or shall be pledged the tolls, rents, rates, or other revenues, or any part thereof, of any property or facility owned, operated or controlled by the commission (including the said bridge across the Delaware River and the facilities for the transportation of passengers across the said bridge), that (so long as any of said bonds or other securities or obligations remain outstanding and unpaid, and unless and until adequate provision is made by law for the protection of those advancing money upon such obligations) the Commonwealth and the said State will not diminish or impair the power of the commission to own, operate or control said properties and facilities, or to establish, levy and collect tolls, rents, rates and other charges in connection with such properties or facilities.

Powers of commission not to be impaired.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey hereby covenant and agree with each other and with the holders of any bonds or other securities or obligations of the commission, for which the tolls, rents, rates or other revenues, or any part thereof, of the aforesaid existing bridge across the Delaware River

No bridge or tunnel to be constructed within ten miles of existing bridge.

shall have been pledged, that the said Commonwealth and the said State will not authorize, or permit the authorization of, the construction, operation or maintenance of any additional vehicular bridge or tunnel, or any additional bridge or tunnel having railroad or other facilities, for the transportation of passengers between the said Commonwealth and the said State, over or under the Delaware River, by any other person or body, than the commission, within a distance of ten miles in either direction from the said bridge, measured along the boundary line between the said Commonwealth and the said State.

ARTICLE X.

Bonds made legal securities.

The bonds or other securities or obligations which may be issued by the commission for any of its authorized purposes, and as security for which there may be pledged the tolls, rents, rates and other revenues, or any part thereof, of any properties or facilities owned, operated or controlled by the commission (including the aforesaid existing bridge across the Delaware River and the aforesaid facilities for the transportation of passengers across the said bridge), are hereby made securities in which all State and municipal officers and bodies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and State of New Jersey, all banks, bankers, trust companies, savings banks, saving and loan associations, investment companies, and other persons carrying on a banking business, all insurance companies, insurance associations, and other persons carrying on an insurance business, and all administrators, executors, guardians, trustees and other fiduciaries, and all other persons whatsoever, who now or may hereafter be authorized to invest in bonds or other obligations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or of the State of New Jersey, may properly and legally invest any funds, including capital belonging to them or within their control; and said bonds or other securities or obligations are hereby made securities which may properly and legally be deposited with and received by any State or municipal officer or agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the State of New Jersey for any purpose for which the deposit of bonds or other obligations, either of the Commonwealth or of the State, is now or may hereafter be authorized.

ARTICLE XI.

Property of commission exempt from taxation.

The effectuation of its authorized purposes by the commission is and will be in all respects for the benefit of the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey, for the increase of their commerce and prosperity and for the improvement of their health and living conditions, and since the

commission will be performing essential governmental functions in effectuating said purposes, the commission shall not be required to pay any taxes or assessments upon any property acquired or used by it for such purposes; and the bonds or other securities or obligations issued by the commission, their transfer and the income therefrom (including any profits made on the sale thereof), shall, at all times, be free from taxation within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey.

Bonds to be
tax free.

ARTICLE XII.

The commission shall make annual reports to the Governors and Legislatures of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey, setting forth in detail its operations and transactions, and may make such additional reports, from time to time, to the Governors and Legislatures as it may deem desirable.

Annual report.

Whenever the commission, after investigation and study, shall have concluded plans, with estimates of cost, and means of financing any new project, other than those described in article one, subdivision (b) hereof, for transportation across or under the Delaware River within the area hereinbefore described, any new project for the improvement of the Delaware River's port facilities, or any other project for the mutual advantage of Pennsylvania and New Jersey and coming within the purposes for which it is created, the commission shall make to the Legislatures of each State a detailed report, dealing only with the contemplated project, and shall request of said Legislatures authority to proceed with the project described; and it shall not be within the power of the commission to construct, erect or otherwise acquire any facility or project, except those described in article one, subdivision (b) hereof, unless and until the Legislatures of both States shall have authorized the commission to proceed with the project outlined in its special report thereon.

Detailed report
of new project.

Section 2. Upon its signature on behalf of the State of New Jersey and by the Governor on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the aforesaid compact or agreement shall be and become binding and shall have the force and effect of a statute of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and The Delaware River Joint Commission shall thereupon become vested with all the powers, rights and privileges, and be subject to the duties and obligations, contained in said compact as though the same were specifically authorized and imposed by statute, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be bound by all of the obligations assumed by it under said compact; and the Governor shall trans-

Compact to have
force and effect
of statute.

Commonwealth to
be bound by
obligations
assumed.

mit an original signed copy thereof to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for filing in his office.

Governor to apply to Congress for consent and approval.

Section 3. The Governor is hereby authorized to apply, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the Congress of the United States for its consent and approval to the aforesaid compact or agreement; but in the absence of such consent and approval, The Delaware River Joint Commission shall have all of the powers which the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey may confer upon it without the consent and approval of Congress.

Appropriation.

Section 4. The sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to The Delaware River Joint Commission, to be used by it, together with a like appropriation made by the State of New Jersey, for any of the purposes of the said commission, except the operation, maintenance, improvement or construction of new facilities for the existing bridge over the Delaware River between Philadelphia and Camden. The money hereby appropriated shall be disbursed upon requisition of the Governor, presented to the Auditor General, who shall direct his warrant upon the State Treasurer in the usual manner.

Disbursement.

Effective date.

Section 5. This act shall become effective on July first, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one; but the Governor shall not enter into any agreement hereunder until the State of New Jersey shall have passed a substantially similar act embodying the agreement between the two States herein set forth, and making a like appropriation.

No agreement to be entered into until New Jersey passes similar act.

APPROVED—The 12th day of June, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 201

AN ACT

Authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to acquire lands in Harris Township, Centre County, for the use of the Department of Military Affairs; and making an appropriation.

Department of Property and Supplies.

Acquisition of certain land for use of Department of Military Affairs authorized.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Department of Property and Supplies, subject to the approval of the Department of Military Affairs, is hereby authorized to acquire, in the name of the Commonwealth and in the manner provided by the Administrative Code of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, a tract or contiguous tracts of lands located in Harris Township,