

of Forests and Waters is hereby empowered and authorized to cooperate and enter into cooperative agreements with, and to receive contributions from, the United States government for the protection from fire, or other casualty, the development and the production of forests and forest producing lands. All contributions received hereunder from the United States government shall be paid into the State Treasury, through the Department of Revenue, and credited to the biennial appropriations to the Department of Forests and Waters for the same purposes for which the contributions were made.

Department of Forests and Waters authorized to enter into agreements with U. S.

Disposition of Federal contributions.

Section 2. This act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, and approval by the Governor.

When effective.

APPROVED—The 23d day of June, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 329

AN ACT

Providing aid by the Commonwealth to free public non-sectarian county libraries; authorizing the Department of Public Instruction to provide books for demonstration purposes to encourage the establishment of such county libraries; and making an appropriation.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That a system of State-aid for the maintenance of free public non-sectarian county libraries, in counties of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes, is hereby established. The annual aid by the Commonwealth to any such county library shall be measured by the amount appropriated annually by the county commissioners from county moneys for the maintenance of any such county library, and shall be determined as follows:

Counties of third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes.

State aid for free public non-sectarian county libraries.

Classes of Counties.	Percentage of Aid Calculated on County Appropriation.
3	20%
4	25%
5	33%
6	50%
7	75%
8	125%

Determination of annual aid.

The amount to be paid by the Commonwealth for the maintenance of any county library shall not in any year exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), and such payment shall be made to the board of trustees in charge of any such free public non-sectarian county library. A report of the expenditure of such State

Limit of amount.

Payment.

Report.

moneys shall be made annually to the county commissioners and the Department of Public Instruction, in such form as the department may require.

Books for demonstration purposes.

Section 2. For the purpose of encouraging the establishment of county libraries, the Commonwealth may, through the Department of Public Instruction, provide books to be used for demonstrations and circulation purposes in counties where it is proposed to establish a free public non-sectarian county library in the manner provided by law. Any such books shall remain the property of the Commonwealth and shall not be used in any county for a longer continuous period than two years, after which they shall be returned to the possession of the Department of Public Instruction and be made available for like purposes in some other county.

Property of Commonwealth.

Rules and regulations.

The Department of Public Instruction shall have power to adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary to regulate the use, demonstration, distribution, and return of books made available under the provisions of this section.

Appropriation.

Section 3. The sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction for the two fiscal years beginning June first, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, for the purpose of paying the maintenance aid to county libraries, and for the purchase and transportation of books, as provided in this act.

APPROVED—The 23d day of June, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 330

AN ACT

Providing for the acquisition by the Commonwealth of property in Wharton Township, Fayette County, for the establishment of Fort Necessity Park, and for the management thereof by the Department of Forests and Waters; and making an appropriation.

Preamble.

Whereas, The Battle of Fort Necessity was the first military battle in which George Washington and the only battle in which he was commander prior to becoming Commander-in-chief of the Revolutionary forces; and

Whereas, The Battle of Fort Necessity really marked the beginning of the French and Indian War, which decided that the territory west of the Allegheny Mountains should not be French; and