

No. 7.

A N A C T

Relative to the State Library and Librarian.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the State Librarian shall hereafter be appointed every third year by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall hold his office from the first Monday in February for and during the term of three years, if he shall so long behave himself well, and he shall be liable to be removed from office for misbehavior or misconduct by the Governor at any time during his term, and any vacancy that may occur in the said office shall be supplied by a new appointment for the unexpired term of the former incumbent: *Provided,* That on the event of a removal by the Governor of a librarian, he shall communicate his reasons therefor to the Senate.

Appointment of
librarian.

SECTION 2. That before entering on the duties of his office the said State Librarian shall be sworn or affirmed to discharge the duties thereof with fidelity, and give bond to the Commonwealth with two or more sureties, to be approved of by the Governor, in the sum of two thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office; and he shall have charge of and be responsible for the preservation and safe keeping of the State Library; and during the recess of the Legislature he shall, under the supervision of the clerks of the respective Houses, have charge of all the books, papers and documents in the Legislative halls; and he shall receive and disburse all moneys that are or may be appropriated for library purposes, and keep regular and accurate accounts thereof, which shall at all times be open to the inspection of the joint library committee, or any other committee appointed for that purpose by either branch of the Legislature; which accounts shall be annually settled by the accounting officers of the Commonwealth, in the same manner as the accounts of other public officers are now or shall hereafter be settled; and all expenditures for or on account of the library shall be made under the orders and directions of the joint library committee.

Librarian to be
sworn, and to give
bond.

SECTION 3. That the Librarian first appointed under this act, shall enter upon and hold his office, as mentioned in the first section of this act, from the first Monday of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and the said Librarian shall receive an annual salary of eight hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly.

Salary.

SECTION 4. That the State Librarian shall annually report to the Legislature in the month of January, the number of volumes contained in said library, together with the number of volumes that have been purchased, and the number that have been lost or unreturned during the preceding year; also the amount of monies that he has received and expended, designating whether for the purchase of books or for the ordinary expenses of said library.

Librarian to
make annual re-
port.

Suits to be
brought in certain
cases.

SECTION 5. That the said Librarian shall be authorized to bring suit, in the name of the Commonwealth, against any person obtaining a book from the library and not returning the same in the time fixed by the library rules, or against any person in whose possession such book may be found, upon a refusal to return the same upon demand to the Librarian after the proper time for its return, and in any suit brought under this act the Librarian shall be a competent witness, and recovery shall be had of double the value of such book unreturned or withheld.

Library to be kept
open certain
hours.

SECTION 6. That it shall be the duty of the said Librarian to keep open for the use of members of the Legislature, visitors, citizens and strangers, the library rooms every secular day between the hours of nine a. m. and two p. m., and during the session of the Legislature from nine a. m. to one p. m., and from two to five p. m., and from seven to nine in the evening; and the Librarian shall reside in Harrisburg during his continuance in office.

Repeal.

SECTION 7. That so much of any act or acts of Assembly as are hereby altered or supplied, be and the same is hereby repealed.

E. B. CHASE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

No. 8.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT

To the act incorporating the Monongahela Navigation Company.

Company authorized to extend their works, and to increase their capital, &c.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That for the purpose of enabling the Monongahela navigation company to extend their works, the said company are hereby authorized to increase their capital, by receiving subscriptions thereto, to any amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars; and the said company are hereby required to put lock and dam, number five, under contract within sixty days after the passage of this act, and complete the same for navigation by the first of June, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and sooner if practicable; and that lock and dam number six, shall be put under contract within the present year, and completed on or before the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and sooner if practicable; and that*