

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

Whereas, George Washington was interested in the site of this battle to such an extent that he acquired the farm on which it took place and held it to the time of his death, the same being mentioned in his will; and

Whereas, There is no more fitting way for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to recognize the celebration of the bi-centennial of the birth of George Washington than by making Fort Necessity a public shrine; and

Whereas, A bill is now pending in Congress of the United States to appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for a monument on the site of Fort Necessity, and also two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) a year for a caretaker; therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Department of Forests and Waters is authorized, through the Department of Property and Supplies, to acquire the farm in Wharton Township, Fayette County, containing approximately two hundred and thirty-four acres, on which is located the site of Fort Necessity. The title to said property shall be taken in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and shall be approved by the Department of Justice. The property so acquired shall be known as Fort Necessity Park.

Fort Necessity
Park.

Acquisition of
property by De-
partment of
Forests and
Waters.

Title.

Section 2. Upon acquiring the property aforesaid, the Department of Forests and Waters shall have full control, management, and supervision thereof, and shall have power to adopt and carry into effect plans for the restoration, improvement, and maintenance of the park, and to make and enforce rules and regulations for the preservation of the property and the visitation thereof by the public. The Department of Forests and Waters is authorized to accept such gifts, property, and improvements to said park and the buildings thereon located as may be donated.

Control and
management.

Rules and
regulations.

Gifts.

Section 3. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to pay for the cost of acquiring the lands hereinbefore described, including the cost of investigating the title.

Appropriation.

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

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