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and Appointed by the Governor.

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THE COMMISSION AND TRUSTEES.

WILLIAM C. SPROUL, Chairman, Chester.
GEORGE P. DONEHOO, Secretary, Coudersport.
WILLIAM H. STEVENSON, Treasurer, Pittsburgh.
HAMPTON L. CARSON, Philadelphia.
A. E. SISSON, Erie.

THOMAS L. MONTGOMERY, Curator, Harrisburg.

TRUSTEES EX-OFFICIO.

HON. MARTIN G. BRUMBAUGH, Governor of Pennsylvania.
HON. A. W. POWELL, Auditor General of Pennsylvania.
HON. ROBERT K. YOUNG, Treasurer of Pennsylvania.

REPORT.

To the Governor of Pennsylvania:

SIR: We have the honor to submit herewith the Second Report of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. SPROUL, *Chairman;*

GEORGE P. DONEHO, *Secretary.*

By direction of the Commission.

To the Governor of Pennsylvania, and the General Assembly:

The Pennsylvania Historical Commission, appointed pursuant to the Act of Assembly, approved July 25, 1913 (No. 777), entitled "An Act providing for the establishment of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission; defining its powers and duties; and making an appropriation for its work," respectfully reports:

The Act of Legislature under which we were appointed, and defining our duties, is as follows:

AN ACT

Providing for the establishment of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission; defining its powers and duties; and making an appropriation for its work.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted, &c.,* That within sixty days after the passage of this act the Governor shall appoint five citizens of this Commonwealth who shall constitute the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, which commission shall be a body corporate under its title aforesaid, and shall be charged with the duty of marking and preserving the antiquities and historical landmarks of Pennsylvania.

SECTION 2. Two of the members of said commission shall be appointed for two years, and three members for four years, and each thereafter shall be appointed for a term of four years. They shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual expenses while engaged upon the business of the commission.

SECTION 3. The commission shall organize immediately after its appointment, by the election of one of its members as chairman, another as secretary, and another as treasurer; and it may adopt such rules of organization and procedure as it may deem necessary, and determine the terms and duties of its officers and employees. The com-

mission may, when necessity demands it, appoint a clerk, who shall be a stenographer, at a salary not to exceed one thousand dollars per annum, and a curator at a salary not to exceed twelve hundred dollars per annum.

SECTION 4. The Pennsylvania Historical Commission may, upon its own initiative or upon the petition of municipalities or historical societies, mark by proper monuments, tablets, or markers, places or buildings, within this Commonwealth, where historical events have transpired, and may arrange for the care and maintenance of such markers or monuments. It may also undertake, within the means at its command, the preservation or restoration of ancient or historical public buildings, military works, or monuments connected with the history of Pennsylvania; and to this end it may contract with cities, boroughs, and townships, for and on behalf of the Commonwealth, or with historical societies or other associations, with proper bond or security, for the maintenance of such buildings, works, and monuments as a consideration for assistance in their erection, restoration, preservation, or marking by said commission.

SECTION 5. The Pennsylvania Historical Commission may receive, for and on behalf of the Commonwealth, gifts or bequests of relics or other articles of historical interest, which shall be deposited by it in the State Museum; and the said commission may accept for the Commonwealth gifts and bequests of money or securities for the endowment of its work, in accordance with the instructions of the donors; and it shall, in conjunction with the Governor, Auditor General, and State Treasurer, who shall together with the members of the said commission constitute a body of trustees for the care of such funds, invest the same in the bonds of this Commonwealth or of any political division thereof, the interest and income from which may be used by said commission for its purposes under this act, or applied to such uses in line therewith as may be specified by the respective donors of any of said funds.

SECTION 6. A suitable room in the Capitol or in the State Library Building shall be provided for the said commission by the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, in which the office of the commission shall be kept.

SECTION 7. The sum of forty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, for the two fiscal years beginning June first, one thousand nine hundred thirteen; and this and all subsequent appropriations shall be paid by the State Treasurer, upon the warrant of the

Auditor General, upon the presentation by the commission of proper vouchers signed by its chairman and attested by its secretary.

APPROVED—The 25th day of July, A. D. 1913, in the sum of \$10,000. I withhold my approval from the remainder of said appropriation because of insufficient State revenue.

JOHN K. TENER.

Although this act was approved July 25, 1913, no appointments were made under it until November 26, 1913, when Governor John K. Tener appointed and commissioned the following persons, to serve until the end of the next session of the Senate, without designating the term of the respective appointees:

WILLIAM C. SPROUL, Chester.
HAMPTON L. CARSON, Philadelphia.
WILLIAM H. STEVENSON, Pittsburgh.
GEORGE P. DONEHOO, Coudersport.
W. U. HENSEL, Lancaster.

Organization.

All the members of the Commission met at the house of the Union League, in Philadelphia, on March 21, 1914, and elected the following officers:

WILLIAM C. SPROUL, Chairman.
GEORGE P. DONEHOO, Secretary.
WILLIAM H. STEVENSON, Treasurer.

The Commission elected Thomas L. Montgomery, State Librarian, Curator of the Commission. It agreed for the present not to elect a permanent clerk, but to employ and fairly compensate such clerical and typographic help as might be required from time to time. With this assistance furnished, Mr. Montgomery, Curator-elect, volunteered to give his services without salary. His advice, suggestion, knowledge of the bibliography of the State and general helpfulness have been of great value to the Commission, and of inestimable service to its work.

These appointments were confirmed by the Senate on February 9, 1915.

On May 17, 1915, the Governor, Hon. Martin G. Brumbaugh, appointed the Hon. A. E. Sisson, of Erie, to succeed Hon. W. U. Hensel, who died February 27, 1915.