

encouraged in this state; and the general assembly shall take measures to preserve from waste or damage, such lands as have been or hereafter may be granted by the United States for the use of schools within each township in this state, and shall apply the funds which may arise by the sale or otherwise, from such lands, in a strict conformity to the object of the grant.

2. There shall be a superintendent of public schools, who shall be appointed in such mode and receive such compensation as the legislature shall direct.

3. The legislature shall establish free public schools throughout the state, and shall provide means for their support, by taxation on property, and by capitation tax or otherwise. In such schools, there shall be no distinction for or against any religious sect or denomination, and all the scholars shall be on terms of equality. And in all such schools the English language shall be taught, and all instructions shall be given in that language.

4. There shall be appropriated for the purposes of education, by means of such schools,—

*First,* The proceeds of all lands heretofore granted by the United States, to this state, for the use or support of schools, whether derived from sales or otherwise, and of all lands which have been or which may hereafter be granted or devised to this state, and not expressly granted or devised for any other purpose; but nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to conflict with the first of the five propositions contained in the act of congress of the United States, approved March the sixth, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, entitled "An act to authorize the people of Missouri Territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states, and to prohibit slavery in certain territories."

*Second,* The proceeds of the estates of all deceased persons, to which the state has become entitled by law, and which have not been otherwise appropriated; and of the estates of all deceased persons which the state may hereafter become entitled to by law; and of all fines and forfeitures that may hereafter accrue according to law in this state.

*Third,* All moneys, with the interest thereon, received by this state from the United States, by virtue of an act of congress, approved June twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, entitled "An act to regulate the deposits of the public money:" Provided, That if said money be called for by the United States, it shall be refunded accordingly.

*Fourth,* The proceeds and income of the five hundred thousand acres of land granted by the United States to this state, by act of congress, approved September the fourth, eighteen hundred and forty-one: Provided, That the congress of the United States shall assent to this disposition of said five hundred thousand acres; and, *provided further,* That the interest which may arise from the portion of the school fund in this subdivision mentioned, shall be appropriated among the several counties in this state, share and share alike. And the appropriations in this section provided, shall be held by the state as a loan, and shall be and remain a permanent fund on