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The University.

ARTICLE I. Whereas our wise and pious ancestors, so Harvard early as the year one thousand six hundred and thirty-six, laid the foundation of Harvard College, in which university many persons of great eminence have, by the blessing of God, been initiated in those arts and sciences which qualified them for public employments, both in church and state; and whereas the encouragement of arts and sciences, and all good literature, tends to the honor of God, the advantage of the Christian religion, and the great benefit of this and the other United States of America, - it is Powers, privideclared, that the President and Fellows of Harvard the president College, in their corporate capacity, and their successors and fellows, confirmed. in that capacity, their officers and servants, shall have, hold, use, exercise, and enjoy, all the powers, authorities, rights, liberties, privileges, immunities, and franchises, which they now have, or are entitled to have, hold, use, exercise, and enjoy; and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed unto them, the said president and fellows of Harvard College, and to their successors, and to their officers and servants, respectively, forever.

SECTION II.

The Encouragement of Literature, etc.

Duty of legislatures and magistrates in all future periods. For further provisions as to public schools, see amendments, Arts. XVIII and XI.VI. 12 Allen, 500–503, 103 Mass, 94, 97.

Wisdom and knowledge, as well as virtue, diffused generally among the body of the people, being necessary for the preservation of their rights and liberties; and as these depend on spreading the opportunities and advantages of education in the various parts of the country, and among the different orders of the people, it shall be the duty of legislatures and magistrates, in all future periods of this commonwealth, to cherish the interests of literature and the sciences, and all seminaries of them; especially the university at Cambridge, public schools and grammar schools in the towns; to encourage private societies and public institutions, rewards and immunities, for the promotion of agriculture, arts, sciences, commerce, trades, manufactures, and a natural history of the country; to countenance and inculcate the principles of humanity and general benevolence, public and private charity, industry and frugality, honesty and punctuality in their dealings; sincerity, good humor, and all social affections, and generous sentiments, among the people.

AMENDMENTS.

Art. XLVI. Section 1. No law shall be passed prohibiting the free exercise of religion.

Public money not to be expended to aid educational, charitable. religious or other institutions not wholly under public ownership and control, etc Credit of the commononwenlth restricted by amendments, Art. LXII, sect. 1.

Section 2. All moneys raised by taxation in the towns and cities for the support of public schools, and all moneys which may be appropriated by the commonwealth for the support of common schools shall be applied to, and expended in, no other schools than those which are conducted according to law, under the order and superintendence of the authorities of the town or city in which the money is expended; and no grant, appropriation or use of public money or property or loan of public credit shall be made or authorized by the commonwealth or any political division thereof for the purpose of founding, maintaining or aiding any school or institution of learning, whether under public control or otherwise, wherein any denominational doctrine is inculcated, or any other school, or any college, infirmary, hospital, institution, or educational, charitable or religious undertaking which is not publicly owned and under the exclusive control, order and superintendence of public officers or public agents authorized by the commonwealth or federal authority or both, except Exceptions. that appropriations may be made for the maintenance and support of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts and for free public libraries in any city or town, and to carry out legal obligations, if any, already entered into; and no such grant, appropriation or use of public money or property or loan of public credit shall be made or authorized for the purpose of founding, maintaining or aiding any church, religious denomination or society.

Section 3. Nothing herein contained shall be con- Care or supstrued to prevent the commonwealth, or any political hospitals, etc., division thereof, from paying to privately controlled hos- of persons who are public pitals, infirmaries, or institutions for the deaf, dumb or charges. blind not more than the ordinary and reasonable compensation for care or support actually rendered or furnished by such hospitals, infirmaries or institutions to such persons as may be in whole or in part unable to

support or care for themselves.

Section 4. Nothing herein contained shall be con- inmates of strued to deprive any inmate of a publicly controlled estimations reformatory, penal or charitable institution of the oppor-not to be de-prived of religious exercises therein of his own faith; but gious exercises of their own no inmate of such institution shall be compelled to attend faith; nor com-religious services or receive religious instruction against attend religious his will, or, if a minor, without the consent of his parent against their or guardian.

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Department of education. 1837, 241, § 1. G. S. 34, § 1. P. S. 41, § 1. R. L. 39, § 1. 1909, 457, §§ 1. 1919, 350, §§ 56, 57. Section 1. There shall be a department of education, in this chapter called the department, which shall be under the supervision and control of a commissioner of education, in this chapter called the commissioner, and an advisory board of education of six members, in sections one to six, inclusive, called the board, of whom at least two shall be women and one shall be a school teacher of the commonwealth.