

The seldom quoted words of the much quoted President

Extract from speech of Abraham Lincoln delivered Sept. 18, 1858 at  
Charleston, Ill

"I will say then, that I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races--that I am not, nor ever have been in favor of making voters or jurors of Negroes; nor of qualifying them to hold office--nor to intermarry with white people; and I will say in addition to this, that there is a difference between the white and black races, which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality. And inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together, there must be the position of superior and inferior, and I, as much as any other man, am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white race."

Authority;

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