Abraham Lincoln Quotes

Final Emancipation Proclamation, January 1, 1863

• “And I further declare and made known, that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.”

Last Public Address, April 11, 1865

• “The colored man too, in seeing all united for him, is inspired with vigilance, and energy, and daring, to the same end.

Source: “Great Speeches: Abraham Lincoln.

Joseph B. Foraker Quotes

• “So I am hoping you will have a victory, and that we will have victory, and that the whole country will have a victory, and that we may all continue to say: Blessed be the name of Abraham Lincoln. His work shall not be undone.”

• “I read what he said with added interest and gratification, because only a few days before, February 12. Lincoln's birthday, he (the President) was reported in some of the newspapers as saying, at Pelican Park, in New Orleans, that the South understood the race question better than anybody else, and that in consequence the North must stand aside and let them settle it.”

• “I must confess that announcement gave me serious apprehension. The proposition was one I could not subscribe to, at least not until I had some satisfactory assurance as to what kind of a solution the South proposed. I had heard too many speeches from Senator Tillman and others that indicated, if they did not broadly proclaim it, that the negro should no be allowed to participate in the government of the country, and that he should be divested of his right of suffrage and other political rights.”

• “In every way in which we have permitted them to participate they have distinguished themselves for efficiency and valor. They have shed their blood and laid down their lives in the fierce shock of battle, side by side with their white comrades. They are the direct and worthy successors of the brave men who so heroically died at Petersburg, at Wagner, and on scores of bloody fields that this nation might live. Faithfully, uncomplainingly, with pride and devotion, they have performed all their duties and kept all their obligations. They ask no favors because they are Negroes, but only for justice because they are men.”

Source: Cincinnati Enquirer, October 21, 1909.
Congressional Record April 14, 1908

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