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FAMOUS QUOTATIONS

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THOMAS JEFFERSON

"Nothing is more certainly written in the book of fate than that these (negro) people are to be free; nor is it less certain that the two races, equally free, cannot live in the same government. Nature, habit, opinion have drawn indelible lines of distinction between them. It is still in our power to direct the process of emancipation and deportation, peaceably, and in such slow degree, as that the evil will wear off insensibly, and their place be, *pari passu*, filled up by free white laborers. If, on the contrary, it is left to force itself on, human nature must shudder at the prospect held up. We should in vain look for an example in the Spanish deportation or deletion of the Moors. This precedent would fall far short of our case." — Page 164, *Life Writings and Opinions of Thomas Jefferson*. By B. L. Rayner. Pub. N. Y. 1832. Library of Congress Class "E332", Book "R 26."



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