

To the Editor of the Cape Times.

Had it not been for the heading ("Social Equality") you gave my reply to an anonymous correspondent, for which I take the liberty of administering a mild rebuke, the writer of the article in yesterday's "Times" might not have felt called upon to reply; for "American" takes no exception to anything contained in my brief reply to my anonymous friend, but omits the old shibboleth of "social equality" and "intermarriage of whites and blacks", which same ancient chestnut has always been brought forward by that party (I don't mean political) that dislikes to see the negro mixed with civil rights. Pray, let one be permitted to be on civil and friendly terms with white, black or yellow without asking what our "intentions" are;

I am glad it is conceded that Mr. Douglass is a "trained man and a statesman"; and I have no doubt if he were to be sent to Cape Town as a High Commissioner of something and should give a lion, "American" would go and eat his cake and perhaps drink his wine. At all events I know several ladies and gentlemen, who are proud of being citizens of the United States, who would go. It is possible that Mr. Douglass might think twice about returning all the calls made upon him.

This brings to my mind that when my late friend Judge Ruffin was appointed to the bench many of those brought before him complained of their feelings being outraged by his judicial interposition of their trespasses. I doubt, however, whether any one of them would have refused a social glass with the judge had he been so minded to ask them. However, I don't see whether all this has anything to do with the question of the citizens of the United States meeting together to celebrate their National day. {White and black
Can all unite in
praise of our Country

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