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LINCOLN BREVITIES

Abraham Lincoln was noted for his brevity. The concise way in which he put things, as well as the sound philosophy of his statements, makes any compilation of his expressions extremely valuable.

I cannot involve myself.

Necessity knows no law.

I do not quarrel with facts.

Every edge must be made to cut.

There is powerful temptation in money.

I have a congenital aversion to failure.

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I am trying to evade the butchering business.

I am always for the man who wishes to work.

The tug has to come and better now than later.

All good, intelligent people are very much alike.

If you make a bad bargain, hug it all the tighter.

An ant's life is as sweet to it as our lives are to us.

Ought he to have it, and can it be done, and how?

Broken by it I, too, may be; bow to it I never will.

When you can't remove an obstacle plow around it.

Truth is generally the best vindication against slander.

The plainest print cannot be read through a gold eagle.

Stand by the cause and the cause will carry you through.

In truth he was the noblest work of God—an honest man.

I think the measure politically expedient and morally right.

I care very little for the publication of any letter I have written.

Exercise your own judgment and do right for the public interest.

Justice and fairness to all is the utmost I have said or will say.

I do not wish the sense changed, or modified, to a hair's breadth.

The loss of enemies does not compensate for the loss of friends.

The whole people of this nation will ever do well if well done by.

The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present.

Don't shoot too high—aim low and the common people will understand.

The way for a young man to rise is to improve himself every way he can.

Will springs from the two elements of moral sense and self-interest.

Consider if you know any good thing that no man desires for himself.

A universal feeling, whether well or ill founded, cannot be safely disregarded.

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Better give your path to a dog—even killing the dog would not cure the bite.

Their work is before them; and from which they may not guiltlessly turn away.

We are beaten. Still my view is that the fight must go on. Let no one falter.

Ready are we all to cry out and ascribe motives when our own toes are pinched.

They have something to lose by persisting, and something to save by desisting.

At least I should have done my duty, and have stood clear before my own conscience.

You cannot fail in any laudable object, unless you allow your mind to be improperly directed.

I have no objection to "fuse" with anybody provided I can fuse on grounds which I think right.

I should have to abandon all restraint or put a stop to what it is now much easier to not begin.

Not knowing whether he is fit for any place, I could not with propriety recommend him for any.

A capacity and taste for reading gives access to whatever has already been discovered by others.

No man representing me as I herein represent myself will be in any danger of contradiction by me.

I am very little inclined on any occasion to say anything unless I hope to produce some good by it.

Let the friends of the government first save the government and then administer it to their own liking.

Stand with anybody that stands right, stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.

If we could first know where we are, and whither we are tending we could better judge what to do and how to do it.

A nation may be said to consist of its territory, its people, and its laws. The territory is the only part which is of certain durability.

The victor will soon be vanquished if he relax in his exertion; and the vanquished this year may be victor the next, in spite of all competition.