



c. "The proper construction of this amendment (the 14th Amendment) was first called to the attention of this court in the *Slaughterhouse Cases*, 16 Wall. 36, which involved, however, not a question of race, but one of exclusive privileges. The case did not call for any expression of opinion as to the exact rights it was intended to secure to the colored race, but it was said generally that its main purpose was to establish the citizenship of the negro, to give definitions of citizenship of the United States and of the states, and to protect from the hostile legislation of the states the privileges and immunities of citizens of the United States, as distinguished from those of citizens of the states." Plessy v. Ferguson: 163 U.S. 537, 543 (1896), overruled on other grounds, Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka: 347 U.S. 483 (1954).

<http://supreme.justia.com/us/163/537/case.html#543>

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