

French queen? Most assuredly he could not. He was never in France."

Speaking of Williams' first trip to Green Bay, in 1821, Hon. C. C. Trowbridge, of Detroit, observes: "I knew him well at that time, and long afterwards. Governor Cass also knew him well, and saw him often. We used to compare notes about him, and we regarded him as 'rather fishy.' And when his claim to heirship of the throne of *Le Grand Monarque* came before the public, the governor laughed heartily. Williams had all the peculiarities of a half-breed Indian, as undoubtedly he was. If he had been otherwise, mentally or morally, his hair and complexion would have stamped him as of mixed savage and civilized blood; and he had, moreover, that peculiar tint of complexion which distinguishes the half-breeds among the Six Nations from those of the West."

A writer in the New York *Telescope*, of June 25th, 1825, who signs himself "An Oneida County Observer," declares that Williams was a "*half-blood* Iroquois"—taking pains to put the word "*half-blood*" in italics, as if to make it all the more emphatic.

The late Hon. John Y. Smith, who also knew Williams well from 1828 till 1837, and was for some time a fellow boarder at the same table with him at Green Bay, states: "I was familiar with mixed blood of every grade, from octoroon whites to octoroon Indians. Half-breeds, as every one knows who has seen much of frontier life, present opposite extremes of complexion in different individuals, some being nearly white, and others being darker even than pure Indians. Williams would have passed for a pure Indian, with just a suspicion of the African in his complexion and features. Gov. Cass, who was as familiar with every variety of mixed bloods as any man in the country, ridiculed the idea that Williams, whom he knew well was a pure Frenchman, and declared in a public article, that he was a fair type of the Indian half-breed."

In Gov. Cass' newspaper article, he said of Mr. Williams: "I have known him for almost thirty years, and under various circumstances of official and personal intercourse. I have known him as an Indian half-breed of the St. Regis band. * * * No man