

for the education of the foreign boy; Mr. Robertson found among the papers of Mr. Williams a communication, in Williams' handwriting, sent under a fictitious signature, to the Albany *Knickerbocker* for publication, giving the Bleeker story, which was the authority for Hanson's statement. On one occasion, before the dauphin invention got before the public, Williams took a slip, printed only on one side of a piece of paper, to Hon. C. D. Robinson, of the Green Bay *Advocate*, desiring its insertion, and it was published. It was one of the New Orleans yarns, mysteriously suggesting that the Lost Prince was believed to be in America among the Indians, or something of that sort. The fact that the slip was printed only on one side, was to Mr. Robinson, evidence that it had not been clipped from any newspaper.

In a letter written by Mr. Williams to E. Irving, of New York, in July, 1848, which Rev. Mr. Robertson saw, he returned thanks for the pains Mr. Irving had taken in going to half a dozen newspaper offices before he succeeded in getting a notice of the dauphin published.

General Cass, in his newspaper article, in March, 1853, states: "There is in existence a letter written by Mr. Williams, to a person of his acquaintance, some three years ago, in which he alluded to a prevailing rumor of his being connected with the Bourbons, and asking the person to whom it was addressed, whether there was any foundation for the story. He made not the most distant allusion to the interview with the Prince de Joinville, to his letters, or to the other facts he now states, which would have rendered his inquiry wholly unnecessary. He was informed that there was not, in the opinion of his correspondent, the least foundation for such an idle story. And there the communication dropped. His letter was utterly inconsistent with any knowledge of the facts he now asserts to be true." Mr. Williams, in writing to Gen. Cass, as it is plainly inferential that he did, seeking some word of encouragement, received from that able student of history, quite too frank a reply to gratify his inordinate pride, or pander to his ignoble hopes.

Mr. Hanson must have been duped when he stated in Mr. Williams' behalf, that so far from bringing his claims before the public,