

Mr. Williams had been strongly averse to it. Bishop Robertson further states, that when Williams was requested to exhibit certain autograph letters he professed to have received from Louis Philip, king of the French, the secretary of Louis Napoleon, several French bishops and one cardinal, also important medals, he always found it convenient to say that they had been lost, or burnt, or mysteriously stolen; yet large quantities of less important correspondence were very carefully preserved.

Mr. Williams, in his conversations with Mr. Hanson, represented that when Prince de Joinville disclosed to him at Green Bay, in 1841, that he was the son of a king—the long lost prince—heir to the throne of France—the communication was so startling and unexpected, that he was dumbfounded and incredulous.

To show the hypocrisy of Williams, not to say his untruthfulness, in this statement, it is only necessary to cite the communication in the New York *Courrier des Etats-Unis*, in February, 1854, of George W. Haskins, long editor of the Buffalo *Express*. Mr. Haskins states that nearly two years before the Prince de Joinville's journey in this country, Williams confided to him at Buffalo, that he was the real dauphin of France, relating all the imaginary circumstances Mr. Hanson has collected—the idiocy of his early life, the fortunate fall into Lake George, and consequent miraculous restoration of his memory—the residence of his guardian in New Orleans, etc. Mr. Haskins was a well-known and honored citizen of Buffalo, since deceased, an elder brother of the scientist and electrician of Milwaukee, Prof. Charles H. Haskins; and his statement is worthy of all confidence.

The simple facts, divested of all adornment and imagination, connected with Mr. Williams and the Prince de Joinville's interview, as related by Hon. M. L. Martin, who then resided, and still resides, at Green Bay, are these: He learned from Captain Shook, who commanded the steamer "Columbia," on which the prince and party reached the Bay, that when they landed at Mackinaw, Williams came on board; and in response to an inquiry by the prince for some proper person at Green Bay who could impart to him information concerning the Indian tribes and the country generally, the captain at once suggested Mr. Wil-