

liams as the very man for the occasion, and introduced him; that nothing was said indicating any previous knowledge, on the part of the prince, of Williams' character or history; that their conversation was largely on Indians and Indian matters—nothing whatever about the dauphin, or anything remotely touching the subject.

This invention by Mr. Williams, of Prince de Joinville's pretended revelation, was a most brazen venture, utterly improbable in itself; as it was weak and foolish to suppose for a moment, even had it been true, that the prince would have been trying to sow the seeds of family dissension—what might prove his father's overthrow and the ruin of his family; and encourage an obscure Protestant clergyman, in the backwoods of America, with royal hopes, when it was well known that Louis Philip, his family, and all France, were thoroughly Catholic. It was a most preposterous, reckless, and bare-faced imposition; and its prompt and positive denial might well have been expected.

When the Hanson story reached the prince, he, through his secretary, pronounced the whole pretended revelation "from one end to the other, a work of the imagination, a fable woven wholesale, a speculation upon the public credulity." Mr. Hanson freely admits that the prince "has the reputation of being a high-minded and honorable gentleman." The prince's testimony stands unimpeached.

Mr. Williams frequently stated to his kinsman, Dr. S. W. Williams and his family, as related by the doctor in his edition of the *Redeemed Captive*, that "his visit from the prince was in consequence of his relationship to his wife," and that he received his presents from the same cause; and that "his stories here were much at variance with the magazine" narrative as given by Mr. Hanson.

Rev. Dr. Lothrop writes that Mr. Williams gave him, both in 1843 and 1848, an account of his interview with the Prince de Joinville, but differing from each other, and differing in many important points from Dr. Hanson's statements in Putnam's *Magazine* of January 1852.

And other stories of Mr. Williams were much at variance with