

class who had faith in his pretensions, especially in New York city, he received not a few civilities. He seemed to be happy in his dauphinship invention so long as it flattered his vanity and love of notoriety, gave him good dinners, and afforded him opportunities to display his powers of conversation.

He aped greatness,* but accomplished nothing. Had he possessed integrity of character, and discarded his impracticable fancies, he might have proved a blessing to the Indian race. But his life was a comparative failure, if we may judge by the limited fruits of his splendid opportunities.

* Among the papers left by Mr. Williams, as stated by Rev. Dr. Robertson, are notes addressed to him as Louis XVII. in which he is addressed as "Your Most Gracious Majesty;" and he signs papers with the royal cipher, "L. C.;" and says "he wishes to maintain the dignity of his family by manifesting at all times in his conduct that sense of honor which becomes his royal race." He left a royal manifesto, proclaiming his course of action should he be called on to preside over the destinies of the great nation as was formerly done "by my ancestors."