

No. 27. *Affidavit of William Miller.*

"City and County of New-York, ss.

"William Miller being duly sworn, doth say,—I knew Maria Monk when she was a child, and was acquainted with all her father's family. My father, Mr. Adam Miller, kept the government school at St. John's, Lower Canada, for some years. Captain Wm. Monk, Maria's father, lived in the garrison, a short distance from the village, and she attended the school with me for some months, probably as much as a year. Her four brothers also attended with us. Our families were on terms of intimacy, as my father had a high regard for Captain Monk; but the temper of his wife was such, even at that time, as to cause much trouble. Capt. Monk died very suddenly, as was reported, in consequence of being poisoned. Mrs. Monk was then keeper of the Government House in Montreal, and received a pension, which privilege she has since enjoyed. In the summer of 1832 I left Canada, and came to this city. In about a year afterward I visited Montreal, and on the day when the Governor reviewed the troops, I believe about the end of August, I called at the Government House, where I saw Mrs. Monk and several of the family. I inquired where Maria was, and she told me that she was in the nunnery. This fact I well remember, because the information gave me great pain, as I had unfavorable opinions of the nunneries. On reading the "Awful Disclosures," I at once knew she was the eloped nun, but was unable to find her until a few days since, when we recognised each other immediately. I give with pleasure my testimony in her favor, as she is among strangers, and exertions have been made against her. I declare my personal knowledge of many facts stated in her book, and my full belief in the truth of her story, which, shocking as it is, cannot appear incredible to those persons acquainted with Canada.

"WILLIAM MILLER.

Sworn before me, this
3d day of March, 1836.

"BENJAMIN D. K. CRAIG,
"Commissioner of Deeds, &c."

We recommend William Miller to repent. Whether Mrs. Monk really did tell him in 1833 that her daughter was in a nunnery, may remain for ever a personal question between them; but this is not the case with regard to the identity, to which he has sworn, of Mrs. Monk's late husband, and Maria Monk's late father, with the Captain William Monk mentioned in his affidavit. The evidence of Mar-