

which transpired touching the origin of the former, should we be permitted to have access to the records which contain them. But in our opinion true nobility is in the man, not in his father; in the soul, not in the scrolls of the herald office; and whether Norvel Hastings turn out to have been a Duke's heir or a peasant's heir, we shall think neither more nor less of him than we have done from the knowledge of his own qualities of mind and heart.

THE END.