

thing to what has been previously written concerning him, further than as they indicate the character of the man under whose protection he was reared to manhood, and the circumstances in which his early habits and associations were formed.

To the inhabitants of the section in which Mr. Williams resided, the story of his noble birth was received with very general distrust; and with but few exceptions, it was regarded as an artful invention of some ingenious dealer in romance. This fact can not be received as evidence in the case, since but few, if any, who knew him personally, could claim acquaintance in