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Mr Sairliin Harley says that he heard Mr D. P. James ask Mr Jose Ruiz if these men (Africans) could speak English. he replied "that one of them could speak a few words." Can they speak Spanish. "Ours for they are just from Africa. or recently from Africa" How is this says Mr James that one of these men can speak English "why they probably learned that on the coast of Africa"

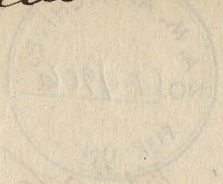
In New London Mr Ruiz told a shoemaker that he was not good but was worth \$300,000.

The name &c of the shoe maker will be given in a few days.

Yrs Truly

A. J. Williams

News declaration at  
New London.



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