

America to the Number of Ten Thousand, who would enter the Province under various Pretences. He proposed his Idea of taking the Garrison of Quebec by Surprise, which he thought practicable; he meant, he repeated, to use Pikes of eight Feet in Length, made of wood, hardened in the Fire and headed with Iron, and added that he did not wish to take a Life, but that all who resisted must fall. He was, he said, employed by Mr. Adet, who was about to leave Philadelphia for France on the seventh of April, when he left it, in order to procure the French Troops who were to cooperate in the Conquest of the Province. When Mr. Black first saw the Prisoner, He understood that his Name was Felt; but afterwards, in Conversation from himself and by a Letter which the Prisoner gave him from a Mr. Hunsden, he found that his name was David M^r Lane.

Gentlemen, A much longer Conversation, than that which I have related, passed between Mr. Black and the Prisoner, which You will receive from him, I shall only remark that, towards the Conclusion, Mr. Black pressed him to come to his House that Evening, to which the Prisoner reluctantly agreed, expressing his Fears of Detection, He promised however to come after dark. Mr. Black returned to Town and made a Deposition of all that had passed, before a Magistrate, in consequence of which the Prisoner was apprehended at Mr. Black's House the same Evening.

Gentlemen, I shall call Mr. Ryland to a single point; to substantiate the Fact that the Prisoner, to conceal the Name of M^r Lane, (too dangerous to be avowed) persevered in the assumed Appellation of Jacob Felt, even after he was apprehended. His Evidence will establish the twelfth overt Act beyond a Doubt.

Gentlemen. I have endeavoured to lay before you an accurate Outline of the Testimony which will be given by the several Witnesses, whom we shall produce. I have not, I trust, said any thing which relates to Facts that will not be proved; but if I have been so unfortunate in any Instance, I must request you not to pay any Attention to it, what is not proved by legal Evidence you must totally reject.

Gentlemen, The Inference to be drawn from the several overt Acts, charged in the Indictment, must be drawn by you upon the Evidence which we offer. You are to decide whether the Prisoner is guilty or innocent; whether the overt Acts are supported by Proof and whether they are sufficient Evidences of a treasonable Intent. — On this Head you will permit me