

THE CONSPIRACY CASE.

THE AFFIDAVIT.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, }

DISTRICT OF BEDFORD. }

Information of the Rev. H. Montgomery, of the Village of Phillipsburg, in said District, Clerk in Holy Orders, taken on oath, before the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for said District, this second day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, who, the said deponent being duly sworn, deposes and saith: That John M. Sager of the Parish of Saint Armand West in said District, yeoman, Elmira Miller of said Parish, spinster, and Peter Fuller of the Township of Armand in said District, yeoman, wickedly, intending and devising to deprive this deponent of his good name, fame, credit and reputation, and to disgrace him in his office aforesaid, and to charge him with gross immorality, and also to defraud this deponent and unjustly and unlawfully to extort and obtain from this deponent a large sum of money, to wit, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, did, on or about the first day of June last past, and divers times since, then and before the day of the date hereof at the Parish aforesaid, among themselves unlawfully and wickedly conspire, combine, confederate and agree together, falsely, unjustly and wickedly to charge and accuse this deponent with having had carnal knowledge of the body of the said Elmira Fuller, and of being the father of the child whereof the said Elmira Fuller was pregnant, as they then and there pretended; and by the conspiracy among them so as aforesaid before had, then and there did secretly and maliciously affirm that this deponent then lately before distinctly known the said Elmira Fuller, and that he, this deponent, was the father of the pretended child, whereof the said Elmira Fuller was then pregnant as she asserted and pretended; and that for the further execution of the premises and of extorting money from this deponent, they the said John M. Sager, Elmira Fuller and Peter Fuller agreed among themselves that they should charge and accuse this deponent, that he this deponent then lately before had carnal knowledge of the said Elmira Fuller, and he, this deponent, was the father of said pretended child, whereof they pretended that she, the said Elmira Fuller was pregnant; whereas in truth and