

a Subject of the United States, but that he of his own knowledge could not say whether he was or was not.

Elmer Cusbin,—Deposed that he was a British subject, he had known the prisoner eleven years, he saw him at his own house at Montreal in November last, after some conversation with the prisoner respecting the then state of the Province, the witness expressing some fears respecting the loyalty of the Canadians, the prisoner asked to speak with him in private, they went into a private room when the prisoner after telling him that he had a secret to communicate to him which if known, would take his life, required of him an oath of secrecy which after a lengthy conversation, the witness took—the prisoner informed him that he was employed by Mr. *Adet*, the French minister at Philadelphia, to promote an intended invasion of Canada in the spring by a fleet and army of 10,000 men, that he produced from his saddle bags a pair of shoes and from between the soles of one of them a paper signed “*ADET*” that this paper was a certificate purporting that *Adet* was interested in the concerns of the prisoner’s family. This the prisoner told him would convince him that he was employed by the French republic, it was he said intentionally written in the obscure style in which he saw it, that it might not prove an evidence against him if he was taken—He told him that he was then going to Philadelphia to communicate to Mr. *Adet* the information of which he was already possessed and should probably proceed from thence to France, and return to Philadelphia, but should certainly visit Canada in the spring—He told him that the object was to attack Quebec and Montreal at the same time, and that he in person was promoted the command against the latter—that he was then just returned from the mountain of Montréal which he had been inspecting in every part and found that it commanded the city entirely, they meant he said to seize whatever property was in the hands of those who should be adverse to their views, to defray the expence of the expedition, and in the first instance *effectually to secure* the Priests and leading Characters of the Province—that it would indeed fare hard with all who were not favorable to their cause—that he had engaged several persons in the scheme who were resident near the Province Line, and they had undertaken to enlist a certain number of men each, that the arms and ammunition for these persons and for as many Canadians as would join, would be furnished from France through the United States of America—He then warmly solicited the witness to take an active part in the business, promising him a Commission in the French service, or any other reward he might ask, the Witness declined his offer—he then pressed him to engage to collect and give information of the state of the country, from time to time till the Spring—this also the Witness refused, “will you then said the Prisoner, engage to do your endeavour to keep the Canadians quiet for the present, the opposition they now make against the Road Act, is premature and highly detrimental to our interests,” the Prisoner finding that the Witness refused to assist in any way—advised him to reflect seriously on what he had said, adding, depend on it, this is a conquered country, he then told him to remember his oath and keep his secret, and that if he dared to divulge it to any one, his life should be the immediate forfeit—“I think” says he, “on reflection
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