

*Att. Gen.* What was your Answer ?

*Witness.* I told him that I considered my Word always sufficient to keep a Secret without an Oath : he said he could not reveal it upon my bare Word, and I replied that I did not wish to know it.

*Att. Gen.* What Reason did he assign for requiring an Oath of Secrecy ?

*Witness.* He said he could not communicate it without my swearing, because he was putting his Life into my Hands.

*Att. Gen.* Proceed.

*Witness.* I told him that my concealing the Secret might be detrimental to me, in which Case I could not conceal it : he replied he would endeavour to make it advantageous to me, as he should have it in his Power. I then told him that I would conceal it in case it should not prove detrimental to me in Person or Property ; that I would, at any rate, conceal his Name ; and I made accordingly a solemn Promise to that effect.

*Att. Gen.* What passed after your Promise of Secrecy ?

*Witness.* He informed me that there would be a severe Attack upon this Province, early in the Spring, which would at once overthrow the present existing Government : that he had been employed in forwarding the Plan ever since he had been in and about this Country, and was so employed still. That the Attack would be made by a Fleet from France, which would bring from ten to fifteen thousand Land forces.

*Att. Gen.* There was I believe at that Time a French Fleet upon the Coast ?

*Witness.* It was so reported.

*Att. Gen.* Did he speak of that French Fleet ?

*Witness.* He did, he observed that the Fleet then upon the Coast was part of the Fleet destined for the Purpose ; but that the Season was too late.

*Att. Gen.* Did the Prisoner shew you any Papers ?

*Witness.* He informed me that he was employed by the French Minister at Philadelphia, and that he had something with him that would convince me he was not acting without Authority. He went to his Saddle Bags, took out a Pair of Shoes, one of which had a Hole worn through the Outside Sole near the Toe, and pulled a Paper out from between the two Soles, which was signed "ADET". The Paper was written in the English Language, in an obscure Stile, purporting, that he (Adet) was interested in the Family Concerns of David M'Lane.