

The Government was willing immediately and without further formality to have from the Judge the order addressed to the Sheriff in order to give up to Mr. Normand the possession of the Bridges. But Mr. Pacaud petitioned the Judge, complaining of the precipitate manner with which the Government acted, and the short delay allowed to him to defend. Mr. Pacaud had secured the professional services of Col. Gury, one of the first Lawyers of the Province, and who was unable to attend the trial on that day, on account of the bad state of the roads. He presented to the Judge the following affidavit :—

[TRANSLATION.]

Theophile Hector Pacaud, Merchant, residing in the Parish of St. Maurice, Defendant in this cause, after being duly sworn, saith and deposes, that the action in this cause, had been served to him in this Town, on Saturday last, 11th instant, and that the 14th instant at four o'clock P.M., in his dwelling house, in the Parish of St. Maurice, at a distance of 11 miles from the Town, he has been notified to appear on the 16th instant, at 10 o'clock, A.M., before the Honorable Dominique Mondelet, one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Lower Canada, to answer to the petition in this cause made, whose object is to eject the deponent, during the pending of the action in this cause, from the possession of the two Bridges situated over the River St. Maurice, the property of said deponent. It is untrue that the Bridges described in said petition belong to Her Majesty, as erroneously sworn to by Joseph Edouard Turcotte, and M. Edward Normand, in the affidavits annexed to the petition in this cause, that though said Bridges have formerly belonged to Her Majesty, said Bridges have been since sold by Her Majesty, as represented by Her Public Officers, especially appointed and authorised by Her and by the law to that effect. And as in a conflict of affirmations, as in this instance, and where it is intended to prove to the Honorable judge, who is called to decide upon the question, that the Bridges, belong to Her Majesty ; it is necessary to establish this fact by the most conclusive proof in support of this declaration : The deponent swears in a most positive manner that he has bought the said Bridges, from Her Majesty the Queen, represented by the Honorable John Young, and Hamilton Hartly Killaly, Commissioners of Public Works, by a deed done and passed, before Mtre. Sirois and his colleague, Notaries, at Quebec, on 6th May last, by which deed a true copy of which is produced by said deponent, with this affidavit, it will manifestly appear that the Bridges have been well and truly sold to him : that after the sale to wit : On the 1st June, the said Bridges have been delivered up to said deponent, in the presence of M. Garceau, whose affidavit is hereunto annexed [see Mr. Garceau's affidavit, Page 29, in the affair of riot on the the St. Maurice Bridges, above related 15th July, 1852,] by the named Edouard Normand (who is one of the deponents upon whose