

the Course of the Winter. That if He did send any Body, he would tell Mr. Cushing that he was come to talk with him on Family Matters. Mr. Cushing, very soon after this Conversation, gave Information to Government.

Gentlemen, what I have stated is the Substance of what passed between Mr. Cushing and the Prisoner, and you will observe that in these Conversations with Barnard and Cushing You have Evidence of the general Design (of subverting the Government by an Invasion and Rebellion) charged in the first, second, third and fourth overt Acts; of his having solicited two of the King's Subjects (for, Mr. Cushing is also one of our Subjects,) to join in his undertaking which is the Charge in the fifth overt Act, of his collecting Intelligence respecting the Loyalty of the King's Subjects, and the Strength of the City of Montreal and leaving the Province to communicate it to the Enemy, which are the Charges contained in the ninth, tenth and eleventh overt Acts. In the Conversation with Mr. Cushing the Prisoner makes Mention of Arms and Ammunition, to be introduced into the Country, thro' the United States, from France. The next Witness, Francis Chandonet, will detail to you the Mode in which he proposed to get them into Canada clandestinely. It seems that the Prisoner left La Prairie about the seventh or eighth of November, and proceeded towards Philadelphia, to communicate the Result of his Enquiries and Observations made in Canada, to Mr. Adet. He met Mr. Chandonet upon his Way, at a Place within the United States, but near to our Province Line. He wished, he told him, to speak with him *in private*. When alone, He informed Mr. Chandonet that he had a Secret of the utmost Importance to communicate to him, and asked a Promise of Secrecy which was refused. The Observation of the Prisoner's Answer was this, that he could not suppose Mr. Chandonet would be Accessary to the taking of his Life, and that he would therefore go on, he then told him that he was employed by the French, and had been in Canada to learn, whether the Inhabitants were well or ill affected to His Majesty's Government. This, Gentlemen, is direct Proof upon the ninth overt Act. He told Mr. Chandonet further, that he wished to introduce Arms and Ammunition into Canada, concealed in Rafts of Lumber and pressed him to carry in some in Rafts of Firewood from his farm at Saint Regis, upon the River Saint Lawrence, which, he said, would be supposed to be Rafts coming from Upper-Canada, and consequently would not be suspected. This, Gentlemen, is Proof as strong as any that can be adduced in Support of the eighth