

It could not, He said, if it was found upon him be produced in Evidence against him. Gentlemen, those who are conversant in the State Trials, will recollect many Instances similar to this. A Law suit, Commerce and Family Concerns have been frequently used as Disguises to conceal a treasonable Design. The Prisoner told Mr. Cushing, that he was then going to Philadelphia, to communicate to Mr. Adet the Information of which He was already possessed, and should probably proceed to France, but should certainly revisit Canada in the Spring. He told him, that it was proposed to attack Quebec and Montreal at the same Time, and that he in Person should command against the latter. He informed him that he was then returned from the Mountain, which, he found, commanded the City entirely, that He had visited every part of it, (certainly, Gentlemen, in Contemplation of that Command which was promised him.) The Prisoner has known Mr. Cushing for several Years, and he seems, from this Cause, to have been more explicit with him than He was with Barnard. He told him they meant to seize all Property in the Hands of those who should be adverse to their Views, with which the Expence of the Expedition would be defrayed. That it was their Intention, 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. He further informed him, that he had engaged several Persons in the Scheme, who were resident near the Province Line, who had undertaken to enlist a certain Number of Men each. That the Arms and Ammunition for these Persons, and for the Canadians who should join, would be furnished from France, thro' the United States of America. He warmly pressed Mr. Cushing to engage in the Cause; which he declined. He asked him to give Information of the State of the Country from time to time, till the Spring, which he refused to do. He then told him, that the Opposition which some Persons were then making against the Road Act was very injurious to his undertaking, and proposed that Mr. Cushing should use his Influence to keep the Inhabitants quiet till the Spring, promising him Protection if He would. Mr. Cushing told him in Answer that he could have nothing to do with him. The Prisoner upon this, finding that He could not succeed in his Attempt to induce him to join in the Rebellion, menaced him with immediate Death if he divulged his Secret. He advised him to reflect seriously on what he had said, and added that he might perhaps send some Person to converse with him on the Subject in the