

to Major Carleton, or the officer who commanded at that post, measures were taken by that officer to prevail upon Mr. ——— to avow the object of his journey to the United States, which he did, upon the stipulation of his being liberated, and that his having divulged the matter, should be inviolably kept secret, lest he might incur the displeasure of those with whom he was connected and be destroyed by some of them. He accordingly acknowledged that he was the bearer of despatches to the revolutionary authorities in the revolted colonies, and that these despatches had been given him by Mr. Du Calvert, and were included in paper rolled up and inserted in the hollow of a cane or walking stick, which, at the moment when he and his party were surprised in the woods, he cast away from him ; that he thought, if permitted to revisit the spot, he might find it, offering to return for the purpose, in proof of the truth of his declaration, if Major Carleton should think proper to let him proceed thither in company of Captain P. who had taken him. He was accordingly permitted to go, and, as he had foretold, recovered the walking stick, which was brought in the same state as found, and delivered to Major Carleton, who, without removing the head of the cane, satisfied himself with shaving down one side of it with a penknife, until reaching the hollow he discovered that it did contain paper, and, without going further, immediately released Mr. ———, and despatched Captain P. to Quebec, who delivered the cane in that state at the Castle of St. Lewis to General Haldimand, who took out the letters, and read them in the presence of Captain P. They were, as represented by Mr. ———, letters to the American revolutionary authorities, conveying information on the state of the then Province of Quebec, advising an invasion by way of Yamaska, and pledging himself that they would be seconded by a body of not less than ten thousand men, if the American powers should come in at that quarter. Upon