

But to support the remaining Allegations of the Indictment, I shall produce seven Witnesses. William Barnard, Elmer Cushing, Francis Chandonet, Thomas Butterfield, Charles Frichtette, John Black and Herman Witius Ryland.

Gentlemen, It is uncertain at what Time the Prisoner first formed the Idea of exciting a Revolution in Canada, it was probably previous to the Period from which the Evidence commences, the first Information however, of which I am possessed, is dated in July last, and you will now receive it from the Witness, William Barnard, whom I shall first call. He saw the Prisoner at the Province Line, in July last, but was not acquainted with his Person, it seems, however, the Prisoner knew him well, for he came up to him and told him that He wished to have some private Conversation with him. Barnard walked a little Way with him upon the Shore of the Lake, and the Prisoner began his Conversation by informing him that He had something of Importance to communicate to him, that it was a Secret; that by telling it, He put his Life into his Hands. I cannot but remark to You here, that whenever the Prisoner has communicated his Design he has expressed himself sensible of its treasonable Nature, by avowing that His Life was certainly forfeited in Case of Discovery. You will find the same Declaration repeated to several other Witnesses.

Gentlemen, Barnard not knowing the Nature of his Secret, advised him, if it was so dangerous, to keep it. The Prisoner answered that he had made several Enquiries respecting him, and had been particularly recommended to him as a Man who might be trusted. He required only a solemn Promise that he would not divulge what he should tell him. This Promise Barnard gave, and the Prisoner then told him that he was there (upon the Province Line) for the Purpose of bringing about a Revolution in Canada. That he wished for Assistance and then pressed him to join in the Enterprize, which, however, he declined and left him. He saw the Prisoner a few Days afterwards in Montreal, and was again solicited by him to join him, but refused. The Prisoner then reminded him of his Promise and told him that if he kept his Secret he should be protected. Gentlemen, Mr. Barnard is a British Subject, and finding, that the Prisoner was seriously and systematically endeavouring to excite a Revolution, he gave immediate Information to a Magistrate, (Mr. M'Cord) and from that Moment the Eye of Government, unseen by the Prisoner, has constantly been fixed upon him. Mr. M'Cord advised Mr. Barnard to get from the Prisoner whatever Information he could, respecting