

*Thomas Butterfield*—Said he was a subject of the United States of America—He first saw the prisoner at Swanton, in Vermont, in November last : He told the witness he had a secret to tell him if he would not reveal it ; that he had been in Canada to feel the pulse of the inhabitants, to learn whether they would rise in arms against the British government, and thought they only wanted somebody to head them. That he was employed in this business by Mr. *Adei*, the French minister, and was then returning to him, at Philadelphia, to tell him what he had learnt. That he had a number of friends in Canada, on whom he could depend. He said he thought that the garrison of Quebec might be surprised, and that if that could be done, the country might soon be conquered. That he proposed to introduce numbers of men into Canada, from the United States, by means of rafts and on other pretences. He pressed the witness to join with him in the undertaking, *which he engaged to do*. The prisoner, at parting, told him he should return to Canada in the month of April following. That about the twentieth of April last, the prisoner came again to Swanton : He inquired of the witness whether he (the prisoner) was discovered; and, whether it would be safe for him to go into Canada ; that the prisoner expressed his fears on this head, and told the witness he would not go till he had seen one Charles Frichette, a Canadian, who lived near St. John's, in Canada ; that he sent the witness for Frichette, and that after seeing and conversing with him, he determined to proceed to Quebec ; that at parting he told the witness, that the object of his journey was to see whether and in what manner the garrison of Quebec might be taken by surprise. The witness, in the course of the examination, said *that he (the witness) had been in pay since he first engaged with the prisoner, in November last.*

On his cross examination, he said that he believed the prisoner to be a subject of the United States ; that he, the witness was arrested at St. John's in May last, upon suspicion of high treason, and was still in custody.

*Charles Frichette*—First saw the prisoner at St. John's, in July 1796. He wished to speak with him in private ; told him his name was David M' Lane ; that he had something to tell him of importance and *required an oath of secrecy*, which the witness took. He asked the witness to procure for him a certificate signed by six Canadians, of this import :—“ That “ they were dissatisfied with the British government, and wished to be under the French Republic.” The witness said he could not venture to ask such a certificate. The prisoner wished him to go with him to Philadelphia, and from thence, if necessary, to France ; the witness refused. He saw the prisoner again in Vermont near the Province line, in April last. Butterfield came for and conducted the witness to him ; the prisoner had a long conversation with him, and up in the witness telling him that he thought he might safely go into Canada, the prisoner engaged him to accompany him to Quebec. They set out, and passed the fort at St. John's in the night, and proceeded towards Quebec, not by the post road, but by the south shore road. The prisoner said he meant to conceal his name, and ordered the witness to call him *Jacob Felt*. At Saint Nicholas, near Quebec, the prisoner asked him if he thought the Canadians ripe for a revolution ;