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It does not suffice, in the tribunals of the realm, for there to be evidence enough to convince the judges ; it is also necessary that this evidence be formal, in other words legal ; and the law requires that there be two witnesses against the accused ; another piece of evidence would not suffice. Now if a man presumed guilty of what is called a high crime, had found the means of sending the witnesses away so it was impossible to have him condemned by the law, an individual bill of attainder could be passed against him, in other words, a single law on his person could be made. The procedure is the same as for all other bills : it must be passed in the two chambers, and the king must give his consent ; otherwise there is no bill, in other words, no verdict. The accused can have his lawyers speak against the bill, they may speak for the bill in the chamber.