

the usual compliment to a commanding officer. The day was very hot, and it being the soldiers' dinner hour, not an officer or man appeared out of doors. The colonel crossed the square to the guard, which he found commanded by Sergeant Clarke. Now, it was part of the plan that the mutineers were to take to their arms on some night when Sergeant Clarke and Corporal O'Brien were on guard, and the colonel by chance found them both on this guard.

On approaching the guard, which had already presented arms to him, Colonel Brock said: "Sergeant, let your guard shoulder arms," and it was done, when the colonel continued: "Come here, sergeant,—lay down your pike;" pronounced in a tone which produced instant obedience. "Take off your sword and sash, and lay them down"—this was also done. "Corporal O'Brien, bring a pair of handcuffs, and put them on this sergeant, and lock him up in one of the cells, and bring me the key." This was soon done. "Come here, corporal, lay down your arms—take off your accoutrements, and lay them down also." It was done. "Come here, you grenadier," the right hand man of the guard, "bring a pair of handcuffs and put them on this corporal, and lock him up in another cell, and bring me the key"—and it was soon done. "Drummer, beat to arms"—and it was done.

Up to this moment no one in the garrison, except the sentry and the guard, knew that the colonel was in the fort. The first person seen issuing from the officer's barracks, the nearest building to the guard-house, was Lieutenant Williams, with his sword and belt in his hand, to whom the colonel said: "Williams, go and instantly secure Rock, and if he hesitate to obey, even for a moment, cut him down." Lieutenant