

him as a deserter but if the corporal would dispense with the hand cuffs he would guarantee that he would accompany him peaceably to the Citadel where there were persons who knew the deserter and who could identify him. This was agreed to and they were driven to the Citadel in a cab which met us at the landing, while we proceeded to the Acadia Hotel kept by Mrs Dickson which was then the great resort for all commercial people.

As the corporal and his charge were approaching the gate of the Citadel they met Captain Bridges of the Regiment then occupying the Citadel. The corporal saluted and reported that he had the three deserters in the cab but one of them he only brought from the ferry boat to be fully identified although there was no doubt but he was George Bowlin the Governor's orderly. "I can soon decide that point" said Bridges "for he was also my orderly when I was at the Island visiting Governor Daly's sons this summer" and looking into the cab he turned on the corporal saying: "I thought I could identify your man, but you must be a blooming idiot to take him for a soldier; why this is the man at whose store my friend John Daly and I replenished our stock of ammunition when we were partridge shooting at Cascumpec; you better apologize to him for your stupid blunder." Corporal Casey was so much astonished that he was for the moment dumb, but George came quickly to his relief and told the captain that no apology was required as the affair was a lark put up by some Island merchants for their amusement on the journey to Halifax, and he was sorry that a countryman of his own had been the victim, for he thought an Irishman should have more sense.

When our fellow traveller appeared at the Hotel a few minutes later we received him with shouts of welcome. The sheriff declared he would put up the champagne in the evening to celebrate the happy termination of our pleasant journey. George proved himself a versatile companion, he could tell a capital story, sing a good song, was a fluent speaker, was possessed of a fund of information, had a retentive memory and ambition which enabled him in after