

To Mr. O'REILLY—Recollects that he looked behind, because the messenger, Roberge, called him. This was opposite York street.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPT., 1868.

JOHN DOWNES who being sworn gave the following evidence:—Lives on Metcalfe street. Is a cabdriver in the employ of Patrick Buckley. Drove Sir J. A. Macdonald to the House of Commons on the evening of the 6th April last. Reached the House about 7.45 p. m. When Sir John had entered the House witness drove home to feed his horses, returning to the House in about an hour. Knows the prisoner slightly. Knew him first in Quebec under the name of Sullivan. This was about three years ago. Does not know what his business was. Recognized prisoner in Ottawa as the same person. The last time witness saw him here was on the night mentioned when he brought Sir John to the House. Saw prisoner that night standing leaning against a buttress of the main entrance tower. This was about 9 p. m. or 9.30 p. m. It was after witness had fed his horses. Prisoner was leaning against the buttress when witness drove up. After doing so, prisoner went thence into the House. Witness saw him again in about an hour coming out. Prisoner went down, this time, in the direction of the Russell House. Witness saw prisoner enter the House again, about an hour and a half later. Is not very sure of the time. Prisoner was then alone. He came out again, and stood about the door, and then turned in again. He was not very long standing about the door before he turned in. Could not say how long. It might be a quarter of an hour. Saw prisoner coming out of the House again in four or five minutes afterwards. The House was then adjourned, and witness drove away. Witness asked prisoner, when he was going in the last time, if the House was adjourned. Prisoner said he did not know. When prisoner came out again (the last time) he told witness, "they were all coming out." Sir John was then coming out, Buckley with him to open the carriage door. When witness drove off he left Buckley standing there. Prisoner was then going straight down the centre walk, and was about 20 yards from Buckley. Saw no persons that night in prisoner's company. Prisoner was the first man to come out after the House adjourned. Witness drove Sir John home to Daly street. His house is not a mile from here. (The Court House.) It took about five minutes to drive from the Parliament Buildings to Sir John's house. Witness drove back, at a walk, after leaving Sir John at home, and met plenty of people coming from the House on his return. It was exactly 2.15 a. m. when witness passed McGillivray's clock on Sparks street on his return. Russell's Hotel was all lit up. Witness went home straight to put up his horses. Saw Buckley there and spoke to him. This was Pat. Buckley. He brought a light to the coach-house.

*Cross-examined by Hon. M. C. Cameron*—Used to see the prisoner at Quebec, when witness was driving for a man there, to whose house prisoner sometimes came. Knew that prisoner was then in the Volunteer Cavalry there, but not that he was a tailor. Does not recollect speaking to him in Quebec. Recollects no conversation with him here except at the door of the Parliament House as narrated. Was not near enough prisoner during the quarter of an hour during which he remained outside the Parliament entrance to converse with him. Witness kept his eye on prisoner during that time. Plenty of other people whom witness knew entered the House during this interval. Witness cannot name any of them. There was nothing suspicious in prisoner's actions. Witness drove away by the east road past the Council Room. Prisoner was then going towards the centre walk. He had not got as far as the steps. There were other people going down—perhaps a dozen—all going down together. The others were going down after prisoner. When Sir John entered the carriage prisoner was about 20 yards away. Witness's carriage was then under the archway. When prisoner came out and said they were coming out, witness's horses heads were inside the archway, and witness then drove the carriage under, while the prisoner walked slowly away. Mr. Macdougall came out with Sir John, and drove home with him. Could not have driven from the House to Sir John's and back to McGillivray's in less than fifteen minutes. If the clocks were alike must therefore have left the House at two. Does not know if prisoner was