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Williams commanded the light company, to which Rock had recently been transferred, after his reduction from sergeant in a battalion company at Montreal, a few weeks before. This officer ran up stairs, and called to Rock to come down with him, and Rock said : "Yes, sir, when I take my arms." "No, you must come without them." "I must have my arms, sir"—at the same time stretching out his hand towards his musket, in the arm-rack. "If you touch your musket, I will cut you down—instantly go down before me!" and at the same time he drew his sabre. Rock obeyed, and was with ten other conspirators put in irons, and the whole, with Fitzpatrick, were immediately embarked for York, in charge of a guard of the Royal Artillery—in number twelve conspirators, with a corporal and seven deserters, lately overtaken in the States and brought back—in all twenty.

Lieut.-General Hunter, then at Quebec, ordered that the delinquents should be tried in that garrison; and thither they were sent in September, Lieut.-Colonel Sheaffe being the prosecutor. In January following, the proceedings of the court martial were transmitted to the general at York, and he issued an order for carrying the sentence into execution, by which four of the mutineers (Clarke, O'Brien, Rock, and Fitzpatrick,) and three deserters (one each of the 6th, 41st, and 49th regiments) were condemned to suffer death. They were shot on the 2d March, 1804, at Quebec, in presence of the entire garrison, and a most solemn and affecting sight it was. At a quarter past ten, a.m., the procession moved off from the prison in the following order :

Two Bugle Horns.

Major Campbell, with a large party of the 41st as the advanced guard.
Artillery, with a Field-Piece.

The Firing Party, fifty-six in number.

Seven Coffins, borne by two men each.