

Prisoner was sober, the soldier the worse of liquor.

The first hearing was on Saturday the 16th. On the prisoner intimating that he wished to call evidence on his defence, he was told that bail for his appearance on Tuesday—this day—himself in £50, and two sureties in £25 each, would be taken, and that subpoenas for his witnesses would be granted him, and that he might employ Counsel if he pleased.

On being put to the bar this day, Tuesday, the evidence was read over to him, as was the clause in the Mutiny Act under which he was tried, and asked what defence he had to make. His reply was “he was not aware of the law of the case. He never refused any man a ride when asked. He was not aware of any harm in asking a man to ride on his truck. That being confined in Jail, he had no opportunity of sending for witnesses.”

Councillor Theophilus DesBrisay, Esq., who with Richard Heartz, Esq., heard the case, after reminding the prisoner that he had been remanded on Saturday for the purpose of enabling him to procure witnesses, and might have done so—stated that the duty of the court was very plain, and that the evidence was most conclusive against him. That the Court could not believe that he was so ignorant as he pretended to be, after all that had been said and printed respecting deserters. That he must have known that he was doing wrong. That the attempting to persuade or entice men to desert was a serious misdemeanor, and that it was the duty of the Court to mark and punish it when detected. He then sentenced the prisoner to be imprisoned, and kept at hard labor in the Jail of Charlottetown for six calendar months. He reminded him that he had the right of appeal from the decision of the Court, and that it was open to him to apply to the Executive for a mitigation of the sentence.

THIRTY POUNDS REWARD!

THE Government of this Island will pay a reward of THIRTY POUNDS to any person for the apprehension of any of the undermentioned DESERTERS, or for any INFORMATION, PRIVATE or otherwise, which will lead to the apprehension of any Deserter from Her Majesty's Second Battalion of the 16th Regt. of Foot.

DESCRIPTION of DESERTERS from Her Majesty's Second Battalion of the 16th Regt. of Foot, from Tuesday the 8th day of August to Tuesday the 19th September, 1865.

Private ALEXANDER McPHERSON, age 36 years; a native of Glasgow, Scotland; height, 5 feet 5½ inches; hair Brown; Moustache and Whiskers; eyes, grey; Complexion, Sallow; broad Scotch accent.

Private THOMAS GOODMAN, age, 22 years and 9 months; height 5 feet 8½ inches; a native of Newry, Ireland; hair, brown; eyes, hazel; Complexion, Fair.

Private DANIEL McREADY age 34 years and 8 months; a native of Ireland; height, 5 feet 7 inches; Complexion, Dark; Hair, Black; Eyes, dark.

Private JAMES SEATON, age, 26 years and 8 months; a native of Ireland; height, 5 feet 6¼ inches; Complexion, Fresh; hair, sandy; eyes grey.

Private THOMAS MOFFATT, age 25 years; a native of Ireland; height, 5 feet 10 inches; Complexion, Fresh; hair, Brown; eyes, grey.

Private JOHN McKAY, age 23 years and 2 months, height 5 feet 5 inches, complexion fresh, hair brown, eyes blue, a native of Newry, Ireland.

Private HUGH DEVLIN, age 22 years and nine months, height 5 feet 9 inches, complexion fresh, hair sandy, eyes light blue, a native of County Monaghan, Ireland.

Lance Corporal GEORGE MUMBY, age 23 years and 7 months, height 5 feet 9 inches, complexion fresh, hair light brown, eyes blue, a native of Northampton, England.

Private ROBERT BROTHERS, age 23 years and 10 months, height 5 feet 5 inches, complexion fresh, hair dark brown, eyes dark brown, pock marked, a native of Ireland.

Private MICHAEL FEARON, age, 27 years, and 1 month; height, 5 feet 5½ inches; a native of Newry, Ireland; letter D; complexion, Fresh; Hair, black; Eyes, Brown.

Private MICHAEL NASH, age 27 years and 7 months; height, 5 feet 8½ inches; a native of Askeaton, Co. Limerick; complexion, fair; Hair, fair; Eyes, blue.

Corporal FREDK. JEFFS, age 23 years and 6 months; a native Northampton, England; height, 5 feet 9½ inches; Hair, brown; Complexion, fair; Eyes, blue; a scar on Right Breast and others near; Trade, shoemaker.

Private ALFRED SMITH, Age, 23 years and 10 months; a native of Herts, England; height, 5 ft. 7 inches; Complexion, fresh; Hair, brown; Eyes, brown.

Private JOHN LONERGAN, age, 26 years and 5 months; Height, 5 feet 5 inches; Complexion, fresh; Hair, brown; Eyes, hazel; a native of Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny; Trade, shoemaker.

Private WILLIAM ROURKE, age, 24 years and 8 months; height, 5 feet 9 inches; Complexion, fresh; Eyes, hazel; Hair, brown; a native of Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny.

Private GEORGE HAMILTON, age 35 years; a native of Moira, Co. Down; height 5 feet 4¼ inches; Complexion, fresh; Hair, brown; Eyes, Grey; Trade, Weaver.

Private THOMAS BLAIR, age 26½ years; a native of Killyman, Co. Tyrone, Ireland; height, 5 feet 5 inches; complexion, fresh; hair, black; eyes, grey.

Penalties for Aiding or Concealing Deserters.

By the Imperial Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, any person who shall by any means whatsoever, directly or indirectly, procure any Soldier to desert, or attempt to procure or persuade any Soldier to desert, and any person who knowing that any Soldier is about to desert, shall aid or assist him in deserting, or knowing any Soldier to be a deserter, shall conceal such deserter, or aid or assist such Deserter in concealing himself, or aid or assist in his rescue, shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, and shall on conviction thereof, before any two Justices of the Peace acting for the County, District, City, Burgh or place where any such offence shall at any time happen to be, be liable to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for such term, not exceeding SIX CALENDAR MONTHS as the convicting Justices shall think fit.

Any Tavern Keeper or other person suffering a Soldier to remain in his or her house after the hour of *nine* in the evening, from the 1st of May, to the 30th of SEPTEMBER; and after the hour of *Eight* in the evening, from the 1st of OCTOBER to the 30th of APRIL, without a written pass from his Commanding Officer, shall forfeit TWENTY SHILLINGS for each and every offence, with costs of suit.

TWENTY POUNDS PENALTY.

By the Island Statute of 50 George the Third, cap. 3, any persons harbouring, concealing or assisting any Deserter from Her Majesty's Army, is also liable to a penalty of *Twenty Pounds*.

Any Sheriff or his Deputy, and any constable, or Officer or Soldier in Her Majesty's service, are by the same Act authorised to apprehend any person suspected to be a Deserter, and take him before a Justice of the Peace.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD is by the same Act payable for the Apprehension of any such Deserters.

NOTICE.

Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace and Constables throughout the Island, are hereby required to give their prompt aid and assistance for the apprehension of the above described DESERTERS, and their safe conveyance to Head Quarters, Charlottetown.

W. H. POPE, Col. Sec'y.
Colonial Secretary's Office, Aug. 21, 1865. e