On reaching the plantation, and with James Morgan in the lead, two of the keepers, James Morgan, Joseph Butler and the watchman, Morgan Evans, entered the trees. Staying outside to try and prevent any escape in the direction of Tynyberth Wood was the fourth man, gamekeeper Richard Jones.

James Morgan was the first to see the poachers, though initially, due to the added darkness caused by the trees, he was unable to tell how many of them there were. Warned by the noisy approach of the gamekeepers as they crashed through the trees, the poachers took flight. With James Morgan in the lead, he, Joseph Butler and Morgan Evans gave immediate chase.

Breaking clear of the plantation the poachers ran into a field called Caergwyn. It was only then, in the unhindered moonlight, that the leading pursuer, James Morgan, saw that the fugitives were in fact three men, two of whom carried guns. With extraordinary courage, or extreme foolishness, the unarmed James Morgan pursued them across the field, at the same time calling back to Butler and Evans, “Forward, forward!”

Morgan was on the point of catching up with the poachers when they stopped running. All three turned to face him, the tallest raising his gun to his shoulder and aiming it at Morgan’s chest.

In English the tall poacher said to Morgan, “Damn it, stand back or I’ll shoot you.”

Morgan, under the threat of the gun, stopped and begged them not to shoot. The tall man then turned to his gun carrying companion saying in Welsh, “Shoot him.”

Much to Morgan’s relief the second armed poacher ignored the command. Immediately the two shorter poachers turned and attempted to escape. For a brief moment the tall poacher confronted Morgan alone, before he too turned and ran after his companions.

Again Morgan followed, crying out to his slower more cautious companions, “Forward, forward. Here they are.”

After another short chase the poachers once more halted and the tall man again raised his gun towards Morgan shouting, “Stand back, stand back.”

Morgan stopped, repeating his earlier plea not to be shot.