

1681. Did you find that until you paid that £200 you could not get any license?—Yes.
1682. *The Chairman.*] Who is Burrett, and what has he to do with it?—He is the owner of the property, and I am the proprietor.
1683. *Mr. Barton.*] Burrett is the landlord?—Yes.
1684. You bought from Hausmann?—Yes; I was nearly a week negotiating for it, and it then required £200 to get the license.
1685. *The Chairman.*] How could Burrett prevent you getting a license?—I only know it was done. I cannot swear anything; I only go by hearsay.
1686. In what shape did you pay this £200?—I only know I agreed to pay £1,500, and then I had to pay another £200 to Burrett.
1687. You merely mean that Burrett raised the price?—But it was Hausmann that I bought of.
1688. *Mr. Barton.*] You say you purchased from Hausmann?—Yes.
1689. As lessee you took over the promises from Hausmann?—Yes.
1690. What was your bargain with Hausmann?—£1,500; but then I found I was kept out of the premises for a week, and I had to pay this other £200, and during this time realized on my stock.
1691. *The Chairman.*] To whom did you pay this money?—Through Krull.
1692. But I mean whom did you pay the money to?—Through Krull.
1693. For whom?—Ah!
1694. Does Mr. Krull know all about it?—He may. I do not want to mention anything. The thing is done, and I have been there nine or ten months now.

Mr. F. Valentine.
8th Oct., 1878.

Sergeant FRASER, being duly sworn, was re-examined.

Sergeant Fraser.
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1696. *The Chairman.*] We want to ask you a few questions about one particular thing. Do you remember Sergeant Farrell going to the office to get some papers which he brought up here?—No, I do not.

1697. Well, do you know anything of what occurred afterwards?—Yes.

1698. What occurred?—On the morning of Friday, I think, Sergeant Smith called Farrell, who was passing by the office door, and asked him if he had removed any papers from the office table. Farrell replied he had, and Sergeant Smith wanted to know by what authority. He replied he was directed to do so by Mr. Bowen. Sergeant Smith made answer that he had no right to do so without asking permission of the Inspector, and further, Smith said, he did not think Mr. Bowen had anything to do with the office. He then told Farrell he had reported the matter to the Inspector, and that the Inspector had directed him to ask for a receipt. Farrell replied, "I won't give any receipt. I have been ordered by Mr. Bowen to get the papers, and I refuse to give any receipt." With that he walked out of the office, and was talking to himself all the way out of the office. I think a quarter of an hour elapsed, I am not certain, but at any rate in about that time he returned. At that time Inspector Atchison, Sergeant Smith, and myself were in the office. Smith reported to the Inspector that we had asked Farrell for a receipt, and that he had declined to give him one, and almost immediately afterwards Farrell came into the room. He heard what Smith had said, and then he handed me a paper, which was a receipt for the papers, and, I think addressing me, said, "Here is the receipt for these papers." I said, "All right." He replied, "Will you give me a receipt for this." I made no remark, because I did not think it necessary to give a receipt for a receipt. Inspector Atchison then, addressing Farrell, said, "How was it you removed those papers without asking me. If you had asked me I should have given you every paper in the place." Farrell said Mr. Bowen had ordered him to do so. Atchison replied that he did not believe Mr. Bowen had ever intended him to act in that way. The Inspector then went on to speak of a paper which was missing, and which I could not find. I then said (I had a bad headache at the time, and it is the first paper ever asked for which I have not been able to find, so that I was greatly annoyed), "Yes, and if anybody has removed that paper it is a most dastardly act." Immediately after that I came up here, and what happened after that I do not know.

1699. Was Farrell threatened in consequence of the evidence he gave here?—Not in the slightest degree. I never threatened him, nor did I hear any one else threaten him.

1700. *Hon. Mr. Gisborne.*] How long have you been in the force?—Thirteen years.

1701. Have you ever before known of an instance of papers being removed from the table of an officer without that officer being asked his permission, or without his ever knowing that it was done?—No, I never did. If any paper was wanted, on proper application there would be no difficulty in getting it, unless there were extraordinary circumstances to prevent Mr. Atchison giving it up; but there were no such circumstances in this case.

1702. In whose charge were the papers?—In my charge.

1703. They did not belong to Farrell?—Certainly not. All papers are addressed to Mr. Atchison, and then they are put in my charge.

1704. From your experience, could any officer in charge of documents be responsible for them if they are liable to be removed from his charge without his cognizance or authority by somebody else?—No. I understand that, on the previous evening, Farrell went into the second clerk's room—a man who has not been there very long—and said he wanted these papers for Mr. Bowen. I do not think the clerk made any remark to him; but Farrell took the papers. The clerk, Ellison, reported the matter to Sergeant Smith.

1705. It was in the presence of the junior clerk, then, that he took the papers?—Yes.

1706. Was any one else there?—Mr. Atchison was in the next room.

1707. *Major Atkinson.*] Did the junior clerk raise any objection to his taking the documents?—No.

1708. Before this disagreement occurred among the officers was Farrell accustomed to take papers in this way?—It was customary for him to come into my office, and when he came in I handed any documents over to him.

1709. *The Chairman.*] How long had these papers been on the table?—Some were from 18th or 20th August.