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ROBERT MAGGS, shoemaker, residing in Goderich Street, preferred a complaint, against p.c. Wilson Hall. The complainant stated that in consequence of one of his workmen getting locked up, charged with being drunk and disorderly, he went to the central police station, with the intention of offering bail for his appearance at the Police Court this morning, when he saw p.c. Wilson Hall, who was evidently drunk. Having enquired if he (Maggs) could see Corpl. Hall or Sergt. McLarty, the defendant asked my business, which I told him. He then enquired my name and address, and if I was a ticket-of-leave holder. I at once gave my name and place of residence, and also told him I was a ticket-of-leave holder. He then very roughly laid hold of me by the coat, saying, at the same time, " By G -, I'll have you in too." This was said and done in the presence and hearing of the sentry on duty and two other pensioners. I remonstrated, and told him I had seen Corpl. Hall, and that he had promised me, if my man was sober, he would liberate him, on my becoming bail for his appearance. I called the attention of the guard to his conduct, and told him if he did not desist I should report his conduct to the Resident Magistrate. He then said, "By G--, I'll lock you up, and, seizing hold of me by the back of my neck, with both hands, pushed me with great force into the Police Office inside the station. Upon my asking him upon what charge I was detained, he replied, "If you say many words I'll ram my fist down your throat." Corpl. Hall came and desired him to let me go, observing that he was drunk, and unfit for duty. Sergt. McLarty said he had reason to believe what Maggs had stated was true, but a full report of the case was in course of preparation, to be submitted to the Superintendent of Police. His Worship considered it best for the case to stand over until the Superintendent's decision. The complainant, having thanked his Worship, withdrew.