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OFFICE OF THEBOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.Court - House.Baltimore, Md., Monday, August 21st., 1911.Board met; present, Messrs. Whelple and Tome.The minutes of the previous meeting, Thursday, August 17th., 1911,were read, approved and adopted.Trial.

In the matter of the charges preferred by Samuel Shanks, 4 N. Poppleton street, against Patrolman Thomas H. McManus, of the Western District, as recorded in the proceedings of the Board of August 17th., 1911, the said Patrolman Thomas H. McManus appeared before the Board to answer the allegations made against him.

The charges were read to the officer and he pleaded not guilty, whereupon the complainant, Samuel Shanks, stated to the Board that he had lodged the complaint while in an excited state; that he had acted hastily in the matter and asked to be allowed to withdraw the charges, adding that he had been approached by some of his friends and urged to make the request. He was told by the Board that the charges made by him were of a serious nature, and if true affected not only this officer but the entire force; that the Board was unwilling to entertain any request for a withdrawal of the charges unless he, the complainant, wished to admit that the charges were without foundation. In answer to this Mr. Shanks said that he could not make such an admission, that the charges were true, but friends had persuaded him to withdraw them, and he would do so if the Board would let him. Mr. Shanks said also, assuming that the Board would not try the case, he had told some of his witnesses not to come before the Board. Patrolman McManus stated that he was not responsible for the attitude of Mr. Shanks in the matter, as he desired to have the Board sift the charges thoroughly that his innocence might be proved.

The Board denied Mr. Shanks' request to be permitted to withdraw the charges and proceeded with the hearing.

At 12:45 p.m., the hearing was adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. in order that the testimony of the missing witnesses might be had.