

Complaint from John W. Barton.

In respect to the complaint made by John W. Barton, as referred to in the proceedings of July 16th., 1912, the Deputy Marshal submitted report, as follows:-

"Baltimore, Md., July 23rd., 1912.

To The Honorable,

The Board of Police Commissioners.

Gentlemen:-

Relative to the complaint made to your Honorable Body, by John W. Barton, against Patrolman Robert McGee, Central District, beg to state that I made a thorough investigation of the matter and find, in the first place, that it was not Patrolman McGee that Barton met and talked to regarding his wife, but Patrolman Thomas Garner, Central District, who works the post around the shooting-gallery, 702 East Baltimore street, at night.

I detailed Detective George W. Armstrong on this case and result of his investigation is contained in his report hereto attached.

In brief Detective Armstrong states that Barton approached Patrolman Garner and told him that his (Barton's) wife was in the rear room of the shooting-gallery and requested him to go in the place with him; the Patrolman told him that he had to send in his call and would be back in a few minutes; the Patrolman returned in a few minutes, held a whispered conversation with the proprietor of the shooting-gallery, then entered the place and went to the rear of the shooting-gallery. Barton states that he attempted to follow but was prevented by the Patrolman who told him that he could not go back into the man's private quarters. Shortly afterwards Barton was given the privilege of going back where he found his wife and one Lizzie Grace drinking beer with seven or eight men; Barton's wife was under the influence of liquor and he (Barton) led her out of the place.

Detective Armstrong during his investigation interviewed several people who are conducting business, or live, in the vicinity of the shooting-gallery and they informed him that they have seen a number of women, of a shady character, going in and out of the shooting-gallery.