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of people who were crowding the passage in front of the office, from helping himself to anything in the room. Mr. Tracey himself was at work at the poultry exhibition and did not see the condition of his office till the following day.

As to the stall in the patrol shelter, Mr. Tracey does not claim that any liquor was stolen from there, but only that on one occasion the door was opened without his authority. On this he is contradicted emphatically by all the other persons present on the occasion here referred to, Controller Taylor, Deputy-Chief of Police Northover, Policeman Johnston, and Mr. Lawless, driver of the patrol wagon. Unquestionable they were in a far better position to tell than he as they were standing directly alongside of the stall, while he only noticed it from the door of the shelter and was at the time engaged in pushing behind the patrol wagon in which the seized liquor was stored, a position from which he could scarcely be expected to make any accurate observation of what was directly ahead of the wagon. I have no hesitation in accepting the evidence of the Controller and three members of the police force and concluding that Tracey mistook the stall used by him for one of the others exactly similar, alongside of it.

In conclusion therefore I beg to report for the reasons given that the charges were absolutely unsupported by any evidence whatever.

Respectfully submitted,

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MAYOR.