

PERSONATING OFFICIALS.

Victimizing a Cuban Cigar Dealer—Re-appearance of "Bill" Brandon at a Police Court.

WILLIAM B. BRANDON, a diamond broker, doing business at No. 708 Broadway, who is also proprietor of a cigar-store, No. 55 Sixth-avenue, was arraigned at Jefferson Market Court yesterday, before Judge FOWLER, to answer a charge of conspiracy to blackmail LOUIS AGUERO, a native of Cuba. It appears that on Tuesday last the prosecutor, who is also a cigar-dealer, residing at No. 132 Bleecker-street, went to BRANDON'S store in Sixth-avenue and offered some cigars for sale. BRANDON said he would purchase \$200 worth, and the former then left, returning on the following Saturday with the cigars. While handing them to BRANDON, two men, whom he had not previously known, rushed into the house, and representing themselves United States Marshals, took them into custody for selling contraband goods. One of the Marshals took charge of the prisoners while the other appropriated the cigars. The three immediately repaired toward the station-house, but in passing through Fourth-street the Marshal asked them into a liquor store to have a drink. Here BRANDON offered his captor \$30 on condition of his release, which was accepted, and a proposition of a similar character was made to AGUERO, which he indignantly rejected. His cigars had the Government brand, and as he was cognizant of having committed no offense, he demanded the return of his property. The Marshal subsequently decamped, but was pursued by the Cuban. The Marshal jumped into a Sixth-avenue car, but afterward got off and entered the house at No. 5 Carmine-street. AGUERO also was refused admittance to the house, and returning to No. 83 Sixth-avenue, he was told the other Marshal had taken the cigars. A complaint was made before Judge SHANDLEY and a warrant was issued for the prisoner's arrest. BRANDON appeared to answer the charge yesterday, and, contrary to all precedent, he was admitted to bail in his own recognizances to await an examination. BRANDON was held to bail in \$5,000, some time ago, for his connection with the Freligh diamond robbery, and was more recently apprehended on a charge of having stolen goods in his possession. The latter charges, however, were never prosecuted.