Mr Birling vs Inspector Goole

Match up the explanation with the quotations. If there are any words you do not understand in the explanations, look them up in the dictionary and add the definition to the sheet.

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| **Mr Birling**: “Have a glass of port …”  **Inspector:** “No, thank you…” |  | The Inspector is organised and methodical. He is tenacious – he will not give up his questions. |
| **Mr Birling:** “I was alderman…lord mayor…still on the bench.”  **Inspector:** “Quite so” |  | The inspector implies that Sheila and Gerald are involved. There is an air of mystery which allows him to have his power – he explains nothing, only shows a photograph to one character at a time. |
| **Mr Birling**: (rather impatiently)…why should you come here, Inspector –  **Inspector**: (cutting through massively) |  | Mr Birling tries to draw the Inspector into his atmosphere of celebration and at the same time show his privileged status. He gives blunt, monosyllabic answers which Mr Birling cannot answer. |
| **Inspector:** “It’s the way I like to work. One person and one line of enquiry at a time.” |  | Mr Birling tries to keep control of the conversation but the Inspector will not let him. |
| **Inspector:** “I see. Mr Croft is going to marry Miss Sheila Birling…Then I’d prefer you to stay” |  | The inspector is forcing Mr B to contradict himself – thus showing that Mr B’s values are flawed. |
| **Mr Birling:** “(to Eric) Look – just you keep out of this” |  | Mr Birling in a show of power implies that he is of a higher status and that he has the support of the highest ranking officers. However, the inspector is not impressed. |
| **Mr Birling**: “I can’t accept any responsibility…  (To Eric) …It’s about time you learnt to face a few responsibilities” |  | Mr Birling becomes agitated and flustered. |