

1) He was hard up for money and was being pressed by his creditor.

He was ^{financially pressurized} ~~broke and stressed~~ by his creditor.

2) They acted in a manner that rendered them liable to prosecution.

Their ^{actions made them liable to prosecution} ~~statement in prosecution~~ made them ~~suspicious~~.

3) The account the witness gave of the incident moved everyone that heard it to laughter.

the witness's statement made everyone laugh

The witness gave another belly laugh to the incident.

4) His courage in the battle might without exaggeration be called lion-like.

He was acting as lion even in battle.

he fought bravely in battle.