

office. He shall have the power to administer oaths in all parts of the State, so far as the exercise of such power is properly incident to the performance of his duty or that of the Commission. He may designate, from time to time with the approval of the Commission, one of the clerks of the office appointed by the Commission to exercise the powers and duties of the Secretary during his absence. Under the direction of the Commission, the Secretary shall have general charge of its office, superintend its clerical business and perform such other duties as the Commission may prescribe.

SEC. 7. Each member of the Commission, the Secretary thereof, and any special examiner or inspector shall for the purpose contemplated by this Act have power to issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, certify to official acts, take depositions within or without the State of Maryland as now provided by law, compel the production of pertinent books, payrolls, accounts, papers, records, documents and testimony.

If a person in attendance before the Commission or a Commissioner refuse, without reasonable cause, to be examined or to answer a legal and pertinent question, or to produce a book or paper when ordered to do so by the Commission, the Commission may apply to any Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, or of the Circuit Court of any county, upon proof by affidavit of the fact, for a rule or order returnable in not less than two or more than five days, directing such person to show cause before the Judge who made the order, or any other Judge aforesaid, why he should not be committed to jail; upon the return of such order, the Judge before whom the matter and such person shall come on for a hearing shall examine under oath such person and such person shall be given an opportunity to be heard; and if the Judge shall determine that such person has refused, without reasonable cause or legal excuse, to be examined or to answer a legal or pertinent question, or to produce a book or paper which he was ordered to bring or produce, he may forthwith commit the offender to jail, there to remain until he submits to do the act which he was so required to do, or is discharged according to law.

No person shall be excused from testifying or from producing any books or papers or documents in any investigation or inquiry by or upon any hearing before the Commission or any Commissioner, when ordered to do so by the Commission or