

feiture; but no person shall be prosecuted, punished or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any act, transaction, matter or thing concerning which he shall, under oath, have, by order of the Commission or a Commissioner or its inspector or examiner, testified to or produced documentary evidence of; provided, however, that no person so testifying shall be exempt from prosecution or punishment for any perjury committed by him in his testimony.

1914, ch. 800, sec. 8.

8. Each officer who serves such subpoena shall receive the same fee as the Sheriff would receive in the county or city where said witness is subpoenaed, and each witness who appears in obedience to a subpoena, before the Commission or an inspector or an examiner, shall receive for his attendance the fees and mileage provided for witnesses in civil cases in the Circuit Courts of the Counties or the Common Law Courts of Baltimore City, as of the place where he gives his testimony, which shall be audited and paid from the State Treasury in the same manner as other vouchers approved by any member of the Commission and the Secretary. No witness subpoenaed at the instance of a party other than the Commission, or an inspector or examiner, shall be entitled to compensation from the State Treasury unless the Commission shall certify that his testimony was material to the matter investigated. In an investigation, the Commission may cause depositions of witnesses residing within or without the State to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for like depositions taken in cases pending before the Circuit Courts of the Counties or the Common Law Courts of Baltimore City, as is now or hereafter may be provided by law.

1914, ch. 800, sec. 9.

9. Subject to the provisions of this article, the State Industrial Accident Commission shall adopt reasonable and proper rules to govern its procedure, which procedure shall be as summary and simple as reasonably may be. It shall regulate and provide for the kind and character of notices, and the services thereof, and in cases of injury by accident to employes, the nature and extent of the proofs and evidence and the method of taking and furnishing the same for the establishment of the right to compensation. It shall determine the nature and forms of application of those claiming to be entitled to benefits or compensation, and shall regulate the method of making investigations, physical examinations and inspections and prescribe the time within which adjudications and awards shall be made, provided, always, that all such rules and regulations shall conform to the provisions of this article.

1914, ch. 800, sec. 10.

10. The Commission shall not be bound by the usual common law or statutory rules of evidence or by any technical or formal rules of