

a court of equity to order the closing of any airport, or landing field, or to order any air school, flying club, or air beacon, or other air navigation facility to cease operations until it shall have complied with the requirements laid down by the Commission. To carry out the provisions of this sub-title the State Aviation Commission and any officers, State or municipal, charged with the duty of enforcing this sub-title, may inspect and examine at reasonable hours any premises, and the buildings or other structures thereon, where such airports, landing fields, air school, flying clubs, air beacons, or other air navigation facilities are operated. Any order made by this Commission pursuant to this sub-title shall be served upon the interested person by registered mail or in person before such order shall become effective.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 15C. 1935, ch. 316, sec. 15C.

18. The Commission or any Commissioner, or officer of the Commission designated by the Commission, shall have the power to hold investigations, inquiries and hearings concerning matters covered by the provisions of this sub-title, and all accidents in aeronautics within this State. All hearings conducted by the Commission shall be open to the public. Each Commissioner, and every officer of the Commission designated by it to hold any inquiry, investigation or hearing, shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations, certify to all official acts, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses, and the production of papers, books and documents.

If a person fail to comply with any subpoena or other issue under the authority of this sub-title, or 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<sup>1</sup> a book or paper when ordered to do so by the Commission, the Commission or such Commissioner 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 appear before the Commission 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,<sup>1</sup> 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<sup>1</sup> 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 such Commissioner upon the ground that the testimony or evidence, books, papers or documents required of him may tend to incriminate him or subject him to penalty or forfeiture; 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

<sup>1</sup> Evidently a typographical error.