

1886, ch. 487, sec. 22.

**21.** It shall be mandatory upon the officers or others in charge of such places, to furnish all information that may be requested by said commission or their secretary, and give free access to any member thereof, and to said secretary, to visit the insane or idiotic in their keeping, and any refusal to do so on the part of any one, shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, in the discretion of the court in which the case may be tried.

Ibid. sec. 23.

**22.** The said lunacy commission shall have power to issue compulsory process for the attendance of witnesses, and the production of papers, to administer oaths and examine persons under oath, and exercise the same powers that belong to a justice of the peace in all cases when from evidence laid before them there is reason to believe that any person is wrongfully deprived of his liberty, or has been cruelly or negligently treated in any place, institution, or almshouse; but in all cases in which said commission shall take action or determine any question affecting any insane person or person supposed to be insane, or any institution in which such insane or supposed to be insane person is confined, the managers of such institution shall have the same right of appeal from said action or determination of said commission as is now allowed by law in cases instituted before justices of the peace of this State, and the commission shall be empowered to present the offenders before the grand jury of the city or county in which such offence may have occurred.

Ibid. sec. 24.

**23.** They shall make an annual report to the governor of the State, in the month of December of each year, giving an account of their proceedings; also a report of the condition of all the different institutions, public, corporate and private, including almshouses, in this State, where the insane or idiotic are kept.

Ibid. sec. 25.

**24.** They shall be authorized to require a written report from all institutions, public, corporate and private, including almshouses, in which the insane or idiotic may be kept; said report