

sheriff or coroner of Baltimore city; any witness who refuses to attend to testify in obedience to such *subpœna*, shall be deemed guilty of contempt, and be punishable by him as in cases of contempt in civil cases; provided, that said officer shall not have jurisdiction to try any person charged with the commission of a crime, for the purpose of inflicting punishment therefor, but shall make a written report of the testimony to the State's attorney, and institute criminal prosecution in all cases where there appears to him to be reasonable and probable cause for believing that a fire has been caused by design.

1872, ch. 250.

319. It shall be the duty of said fire inspector to aid in the enforcement of the fire ordinances of said city, and for this purpose he is duly authorized to visit and examine all buildings in the progress of erection or undergoing repairs, and to institute prosecutions for all violations of the ordinances of said city which relate to the erection, alteration or repairs of buildings and the prevention of fires. He shall exercise such additional powers as may be conferred upon him by the ordinances of said city to enable him fully to carry out the object of this sub-title of this article, and the prevention of fires.

Ibid.

320. Any person who saves from fires, or from buildings endangered by fire, any property, and who wilfully neglects for two days to give notice to the fire inspector or to the owner of such property, of his possession thereof, shall be deemed guilty of grand or petit larceny, as the case may be, according to the value of the property; and any person who shall be guilty of false swearing in an investigation under this sub-title of this article, shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as in any other case of perjury.

Ibid.

321. No person shall be entitled to any property in the hands of the fire inspector saved from fire until satisfactory proof of ownership be made, and until all expenses for the preservation and keeping of the same shall be paid to him by the owner or