

examination or inquiry. The State's Attorney may also administer oaths and affirmations, examine witnesses and receive evidence. In case of disobedience to a subpoena or summons, or the contumacy of a witness appearing before him, the State's Attorney may invoke the aid of the Circuit Court of the County or the Criminal Court of the City of Baltimore, as the case may be; and the Court may thereupon issue an order requiring the person, firm, corporation or association, to obey the subpoena or summons and to give testimony and to produce any and all documentary matter deemed necessary by said Court for such investigation or inquiry. In case any person, firm, corporation or association refuse to obey such an order of the Court after the same has been served on the witness, such person, firm, corporation or association shall be deemed in contempt of Court and shall be punished therefor, subject to the right to appeal as now provided or hereafter regulated.

97D. The parent accused or about to be accused of non-support by an information filed by a State's Attorney shall be notified by the State's Attorney in writing of: (1) the time and place of hearing in the examination or inquiry, (2) the right of such parent to appear at such hearings and to produce such evidence or information touching upon said investigation as he may desire, and (3) the right of such parent to testify in his own behalf before the State's Attorney, provided he notifies the State's Attorney of his desire to do so and signs a written waiver to the effect that any testimony which he may give may be used against him in the event that he is tried on any information or indictment that may be brought against him.

97E. Whenever a parent accused of non-support, after proceedings before a State's Attorney, shall consent thereto in writing, or whenever upon failure to give such consent such parent shall be found guilty, the Court shall issue an order directing such parent:

(1) to pay for the maintenance and support of said child, or to pay an equal sum to the County or to the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, if said child be a public charge, during the life of said child or until the child is possessed of other means of adequate support. The sum to be paid may be agreed upon, if consent proceedings be had, or in the absence of agreement, such sum as the court may fix, with due regard to the circumstances of the accused parent, and