

Powers.

SEC. 23. *And be it enacted*, That the said Lunacy Commission is empowered by this act 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 as 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 or her liberty, or has been cruelly or negligently treated in any place or institution or almshouse; but in all cases in which said Commission shall take action or determine any question affecting any insane person or persons 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 the State, the Commissioners shall be empowered to present the offenders before the Grand Jury of the city or county in which such offence may have occurred.

Appeal.

To report.

SEC. 24. *And be it enacted*, That the said Lunacy Commission 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 where the insane or idiotic are kept.

Institutions
to make written report.

SEC. 25. *And be it enacted*, That the Lunacy Commission shall be authorized to require a written report from all institutions, public, corporate or private, including almshouses in which the insane or idiotic may be kept; said report to be in such form and at such time as they may adopt with any other facts concerning the treatment of the insane which they may think proper.