

CHAPTER 253.

Passed March
2, 1858.

AN ACT to empower the Fire Inspector, commissioned by the Mayor of the City of Baltimore, under an Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to issue summons for the attendance of witnesses to testify before him as to the origin and cause of fires occurring in the city of Baltimore, and in case of refusal of witnesses to attend, or after attendance refusing to testify, to authorise any justice of the peace of the State of Maryland, in and for the city of Baltimore, or any one of the Judges of any of the Courts for the City of Baltimore, upon application of the Fire Inspector to impose a fine upon such persons so refusing, and authorising said Justice of the Peace, or Judge, to commit to prison until fine and costs be paid.

Fire Inspector
may summon.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Fire Inspector commissioned by the Mayor of the city of Baltimore, under an Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, No. four, of the extra session of eighteen hundred and fifty-six, and approved January first, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, shall be and he is hereby authorised whenever in his judgment the occasion demands it, to issue summons in the name of the State of Maryland, to any person or persons, requiring them to attend before him at such time and place as may be named in such summons, then and there to testify under oath or affirmation, (which he is hereby empowered to administer) as to the origin and causes of any fire occurring in the city of Baltimore.

Summons—to
whom directed.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That such summons may be directed to any police officer of the city of Baltimore, or any constable, sheriff or coroner of the city of Baltimore, who is hereby authorised to serve the same.

Penalty for re-
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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That in case of refusal of any person so summoned to appear and

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