

purpose contemplated by this article, have power to issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, certify to official acts, take depositions within or without the State of Maryland as now provided by law, compel the production of pertinent books, payrolls, accounts, papers, records, documents and testimony. *Upon request of any party to proceedings before the Commission, the Commission shall issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and compel the production of pertinent books, payrolls, accounts, papers, records, documents and testimony at hearings before the Commission and at depositions to be taken by such party. Any such party shall have the right to take depositions within or without the State of Maryland as ~~now~~ provided by Law.*

(b) If a person in attendance before the Commission or a Commissioner refuse, without reasonable cause, to be examined or to answer a legal and pertinent question, or to produce a book or paper when ordered to do so by the Commission, the Commission may, *and, upon request of any party to proceedings before the Commission, shall apply to any Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, or of the Circuit Court of any County, upon proof by affidavit of the fact, for a rule or order returnable in not less than two or more than five days, directing such person to show cause before the Judge who made the order, or any other Judge aforesaid, why he should not be committed to jail; upon the return of such order, the Judge before whom the matter and such person shall come on for a hearing shall examine under oath such person and such person shall be given an opportunity to be heard; and if the Judge shall determine that such person has refused, without reasonable cause or legal excuse, to be examined or to answer a legal or pertinent question, or to produce a book or paper which he was ordered to bring or produce, he may forthwith commit the offender to jail, there to remain until he submits to do the act which he was so required to do, or is discharged according to law.*

(c) No person shall be excused from testifying or from producing any books or papers or documents in any investigation or inquiry by or upon any hearing before the Commission OR ANY COMMISSIONER, WHEN ORDERED TO DO SO BY THE COMMISSION or its Secretary, upon the ground that the testimony or evidence, books, papers, or documents required of him may tend to incriminate him or subject him to penalty or forfeiture; but no person shall be prosecuted, punished or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any act, transaction, matter or thing concerning which he shall, under oath, have, by order of the Commission