



Common Law Procedure Act 1854

1854 CHAPTER 125

XXIV Cross-examination as to previous Statements in Writing.

A Witness may be cross-examined as to previous Statements made by him in Writing, or reduced into Writing, relative to the Subject Matter of the Cause without such Writing being shown to him ; but if it is intended to contradict such Witness by the Writing, his Attention must, before such contradictory Proof can be given, be called to those Parts of the Writing which are to be used for the Purpose of so contradicting him: Provided always, that it shall be competent for the Judge, at any Time during the Trial, to require the Production of the Writing for his Inspection, and he may thereupon make such Use of it for the Purposes of the Trial as he shall think fit.