



Metropolitan Police Courts Act 1839

1839 CHAPTER 71

XIX Magistrates may proceed by Summons, and if Party summoned does not appear may issue Warrant.

And be it enacted, That upon any Information or Complaint to be laid or made before any Magistrate of the said Courts of any Matter which such Magistrate is authorized to hear and determine summarily, the Magistrate may summon the Party charged, and if such Party shall not appear according to the Tenor of the Summons, any One of the said Magistrates, upon Proof of the Service of the Summons, may proceed, in all Cases which are not of a Criminal Nature, if no sufficient Cause shall be shown for the Nonappearance of the Party, to hear and determine the Case in the Absence of the Party, and in all Criminal Cases shall issue his Warrant for apprehending and bringing such Party before him, or some other Magistrate, in order that the said Information or Complaint may be heard and determined.