



Metropolitan Police Courts Act 1839

1839 CHAPTER 71

XXII Magistrates may enforce Attendance of Witnesses.

And be it enacted,; That any such Magistrate may summon any Witness to appear and give Evidence before him upon the Matter of any Offence cognizable before such Magistrate with which any Person shall be charged before him, at a Time and Place appointed for hearing the Information or Complaint, and by Warrant under his Hand and Seal may require any Person to be brought before him who shall neglect or refuse to appear to give Evidence at the Time and Place appointed in such Summons, Proof upon Oath being first given of personal Service of the Summons upon the Person against whom such Warrant shall be granted; and such Magistrate may commit any Person coming or brought before him, who shall refuse to give Evidence, to any House of Correction within the Metropolitan Police District, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Fourteen Days, or until such Person shall sooner submit himself to be examined ; and in case of such Submission the Order of any such Magistrate shall be a sufficient Warrant for the Discharge of such Person.