

a full enquiry, pass upon the truth of the accusation. The accusations will be taken before you by the substitutes of the Attorney General or the officers duly appointed to prosecute on behalf of the Crown.

Each accusation is reduced to writing and sets forth succinctly, but with certainty, the facts and circumstances essential to constitute the crime, and directly charges the accused with having committed it.

When this document is preferred to you, it is called a bill; and when you may find the charge founded, it becomes an indictment.

Every bill is signed by the Attorney General or one of his substitutes, and by the clerk of the Crown, to prevent unauthorized alterations after it has been found; and the names of all the witnesses whom it is intended to bring before you to be examined in support of a bill are endorsed on its back.

The officers prosecuting on behalf of the Crown and the clerk and other sworn officers of the court have alone the right to be present in your room during the examination of the witnesses, and may conduct the examination.

The witnesses produced must be sworn before being examined, and the oath should be administered either by your foreman or by any of you who in his absence may act on his behalf; and your foreman or such other member of the grand jury must write his initials against the name endorsed on the bill of each witness sworn and examined touching such bill. You must examine no witness whose name has not been either endorsed on the bill or submitted to you by the officers prosecuting on behalf of the Crown unless a written order to that effect be given by the presiding judge.

Upon the conclusion of the whole evidence in each case, all persons not members of the grand jury must withdraw; and you will then deliberate and decide whether or not you find the accusation justified.