

shall be their duty, at the times hereinafter stated, to examine and inquire into the financial and commercial affairs of the Institution, to see that the contractors have fulfilled their agreements,—that economy and diligence are practised in every branch of the establishment—that the finances are administered faithfully and proper vouchers and records kept of all transactions,—that the food is wholesome and sufficient,—that offences are wisely and humanely punished,—and that order and cleanliness prevail in the Prison. 5 10

Further powers to Inspectors.

XI. And be it enacted, That for the efficient discharge of their several duties by the said Inspectors, they shall be and are hereby empowered:—

1st. To have, severally, admission at all times to the Penitentiary and to every part of it, and to the several vouchers, books and records thereof. 15

2nd. To investigate the conduct of any officer or other person employed in the Penitentiary, and into all matters by the said Inspectors deemed to affect the welfare of the Institution; and for these ends they or either of them shall have full power to issue *subpœnas* to compel the attendance of any officer of the Penitentiary, or any other person or persons as a witness or witnesses, and the production of papers and writings before them; and any person who may have been duly summoned to attend and give evidence before the said Inspectors in pursuance of this Act, and shall refuse or neglect to appear in pursuance of such summons, or to give evidence, shall upon conviction thereof before one Justice of the Peace, be liable to be fined in such sum not exceeding five pounds as to the Justice shall seem meet, and in default of payment thereof together with the costs, a warrant may be issued by such Justice to levy the same by distress and sale of the goods of the party offending, (the overplus if any to be returned to the owner,) and if no sufficient distress can be found, then the party convicted may be committed to the Common Jail for any term not exceeding one month, unless payment be sooner made; and any witnesses who shall appear before the said Inspectors or either of them may be examined on oath, to be administered by either of the said Inspectors. 20 25 30 35 40

3rd. To require at any time reports in writing from the Warden or any other Officer of the Penitentiary in relation to any matter connected with his department of duty in the Prison.

Duties of the Inspectors in visiting the Penitentiary, &c.

XII. And be it enacted, For the better securing the efficient discharge of their several duties by the said Inspectors, that: 45