

**WITNESSES BROUGHT BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE**

**Act of 1842, P.L. 491, No. 19**

**Cl. 46**

**A RESOLUTION**

Relative to witnesses before either branch of the Legislature.

Section 1. Witnesses; power to issue subpoenas, compel attendance, and commit to prison; payment of expense of imprisonment

That each branch of the Legislature shall have the power to issue their subpoena, as heretofore practiced into any part of the Commonwealth, and by attachment to compel the attendance of all persons summoned as witnesses, and in case any witness brought to the Bar of either House, shall refuse to be sworn or affirmed, or having been sworn or affirmed, shall refuse to render an answer to all legal questions duly propounded, the Speaker of the House before which such refusal shall be made, shall have full power by the direction of the said House to issue to the Sergeant-at-Arms, a warrant of commitment to the prison of Dauphin county, the inspectors and keepers thereof, are hereby authorized and required to receive and confine such delinquent so committed until discharged in due course, and the expense of such imprisonment, shall be paid out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated. 1842, June 13, P.L. 491, Sec. 1.

**Compiler's Note:** This is section 1 of Resolution 19 passed June 13, 1842.

Section 2. That if any such person so committed to prison, shall persist in his refusal to swear or affirm, or being sworn or affirmed, shall still, on being brought before such House from the prison, refuse to testify, such House may make a further order for the detention of such delinquent in said prison, until the next succeeding legislature shall have met, and until the proper House succeeding the one which ordered the commitment originally, shall make an order for his further detention or discharge as to them shall seem expedient. 1842, June 13, P.L. 491, Sec. 2.

**Compiler's Note:** This is section 2 of Resolution 19 passed June 13, 1842.