

HOUSE No. 2487

By Mr. Menton of Watertown, petition of Ronald J. Chisholm and Paul C. Menton for legislation providing for mandatory sequestration of witnesses upon request. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY SEQUESTRATION OF WITNESSES UPON REQUEST.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by strik-
2 ing out section 39, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and
3 inserting in place thereof the following section: —

4 *Section 39.* The court or justice may, while examining a
5 witness, exclude from the place of examination all other wit-
6 nesses, and shall if requested, or if cause therefor appears, order
7 the witnesses for or against the prisoner to be kept separate,
8 so that they cannot converse with each other until their ex-
9 amination.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE

INVESTIGATION OF THE LAND OFFICE

The Land Office has been instructed to investigate the title to the lands owned by the City of New York, and to report thereon to the Board of Supervisors. The Office has accordingly conducted a thorough examination of the records of the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, and of the other records pertaining to the title to the lands of the City. The results of this investigation are set forth in the accompanying report, which will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration. It is the duty of the Commission to see that the title to the lands of the City is clear and unincumbered, and it is the duty of the Board of Supervisors to see that the lands are properly managed and that the City receives the full benefit of the same. The Commission has the honor to acknowledge the assistance and cooperation of the Recorder of Deeds and other officials of the City of New York, who have rendered valuable aid in the conduct of this investigation.