§ 1216. Inquiry and subpoena

The public administrator may institute an inquiry in any case in which he is authorized to act as to any matter affecting the estate of the decedent. For that purpose he may issue a subpoena or subpoena duces tecum in the name of the court either before or after the issuance of letters. Failure to comply with the directions of the subpoena or subpoena duces tecum shall be punishable as a contempt of court.