

the permanent commander thereof; and they shall be commissioned by the commander-in-chief on the request of the appointing officers.

Examination of staff officers.

All officers in the staff corps and departments shall be appointed by the commander-in-chief, and shall be examined as required for staff officers, other than the staff of the commander-in-chief, and the appointments made in pursuance of general order number twenty-four, adjutant general's office, series of nineteen hundred and seven, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Eligibility for appointment.

No person shall be eligible to be appointed as a staff officer, or as a staff corps officer, or, with the exception of medical officers, as a department officer, unless he has served in the regular or volunteer naval or military forces of the United States, or in the militia or naval militia of some state thereof, for the term of three years, at least one year of which he shall have served as an officer or non-commissioned officer.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 18, 1912.

Chap.269 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUING OF A SUMMONS INSTEAD OF A WARRANT FOR ARREST IN CERTAIN CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

R. L. 217, § 24, amended.

Summons may issue, in certain cases, instead of warrant.

Chapter two hundred and seventeen of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out section twenty-four and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 24.* Upon a complaint for a crime punishable by fine only, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, with or without a fine, a summons may be issued instead of a warrant for arrest, if, in the judgment of the court or magistrate receiving the complaint, there is reason to believe that the defendant will appear upon a summons.

Approved March 18, 1912.

Chap.270 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HUNTING AND POSSESSION OF QUAIL.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

1911, 356, § 1, amended.

Section one of chapter three hundred and fifty-six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven is hereby amended by striking out the word "fifteenth", in the two instances where it occurs in the second line, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word: — twelfth, — so

as to read as follows:— *Section 1.* It shall be unlawful excepting only between the twelfth day of October and the twelfth day of November of each year, both dates inclusive, to hunt, pursue, take or kill a quail or to have the same, or any part thereof, in possession except as provided in sections two and three hereof; and it shall be unlawful at any time to take or send or cause to be taken or transported beyond the limits of the commonwealth a quail which was taken or killed within the commonwealth, or to have in possession quail with intent to take or cause the same to be taken out of the commonwealth, except quail artificially propagated as provided in section two hereof.

Close season on certain game birds.

Approved March 18, 1912.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CONDITIONAL SALES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY USED IN CONNECTION WITH REAL ESTATE. *Chap.271*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. No conditional sale of heating apparatus, plumbing goods, ranges or other personal property which are afterward wrought into or attached to real estate shall be valid as against any mortgagee, purchaser or grantee of such real estate, unless within ten days after the making of the contract of conditional sale, such contract, or a memorandum thereof signed by both parties thereto, is recorded in the clerk's office of the city or town in which the real estate is situated.

Conditional sales of certain personal property.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 18, 1912.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SETTLEMENTS BY COLLECTORS OF TAXES. *Chap.272*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The tax commissioner shall from time to time secure information as to any unpaid taxes in any city or town. For this purpose he may examine the books, records and papers of collectors and assessors, and of other city or town officers, as he may consider necessary, and he may require reports to be made to him by them.

Settlements by collectors of taxes.

SECTION 2. Whenever it shall appear to the tax commissioner that at the end of three years from the commitment of any warrant to a collector any taxes upon such warrant remain uncollected, or, if collected, have not been turned

Action may be taken to recover taxes unaccounted for by collectors, etc.