CHAPTER 8.

An Act to enact a Close Time for Hares during the Breeding Season. [20th May 1892.]

WHEREAS hares form an important article of food, and have of late years greatly decreased in numbers in England, Scotland, and Wales, by reason of their being inconsiderately slaughtered, and owing to their marketable value it is important to provide for their protection during the breeding season:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Hares Preservation Act, 1892.

Close time.

2. It shall not be lawful during the months of March, April, May, June, or July to sell or expose for sale in any part of Great Britain any hare or leveret, and any person who during the months aforesaid shall so sell or expose for sale any hare or leveret shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty shillings, including costs of conviction.

Saving as to foreign hares.

3. This Act shall not apply to foreign hares imported into Great Britain, and there sold or exposed for sale.

Prosecution of offences.

4. Every offence under this Act may be prosecuted in a summary manner, and every penalty imposed under this Act shall be applied in the manner directed by the Summary Jurisdiction Acts, and any Act amending the same.

Application to Scotland.

5. In the application of this Act to Scotland the expressions "justice" and "justices" shall mean sheriff or sheriff substitute.

CHAPTER 9.

An Act to amend the Act of the eighth and ninth Victoria, chapter one hundred and nine, intituled "An Act to amend the Law concerning Games and Wagers." [20th May 1892.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Promises to repay sums paid under

1. Any promise, express or implied, to pay any person any sum of money paid by him under or in respect of any contract or agree-

contracts void by 8 & 9 Vict. c. 109. to be null and void.

ment rendered null and void by the Act of the eighth and ninth Victoria, chapter one hundred and nine, or to pay any sum of money by way of commission, fee, reward, or otherwise in respect of any such contract, or of any services in relation thereto or in connexion therewith, shall be null and void, and no action shall be brought or maintained to recover any such sum of money.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Gaming Act, 1892.

CHAPTER 10.

An Act to facilitate the Citation of sundry Acts of Parliament. [20th May 1892.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Citation of Acts in Schedule.

1.—(1.) Each of the Acts mentioned in the First Schedule to this Act may, without prejudice to any other mode of citation, be cited by the short title therein mentioned in that behalf.

(2.) Each of the groups of Acts mentioned in the Second Schedule to this Act may, without prejudice to any other mode of citation, be cited by the collective title therein mentioned in that behalf.

(3.) If any Act passed after this Act is directed, as to the whole or any part thereof, to be read with any of the groups of Acts mentioned in the Second Schedule to this Act, that group shall be construed as including that Act or part, and, if the collective title of the group states the first and last years of the group, the year in which that Act is passed shall be substituted for the last year of the group, and so on as often as a subsequent Act or part is added to the group.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Short Titles Act, 1892.