

674.

*The Commissioner is in sole and active charge of the Department and of its several institutions and agencies, subject only to his responsibility to the Governor.*

675.

*The Commissioner may summon witnesses before him and administer orders or affirmations to them if in his judgment that is necessary or wise for an effective administration of his duties. Any person failing to appear before him as required by a summons, or refusing to testify, is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof is subject to a fine of not more than fifty dollars; and false swearing or testimony on the part of any such witness is perjury and punishable as such.*

676.

*The Commissioner may adopt and promulgate, and from time to time alter, amend, or abrogate, reasonable rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, for the operations and maintenance of the several institutions and agencies in the Department, for the discipline and conduct of prisoners, and for the duties, discipline, and conduct of officers and employees of the several institutions and agencies.*

677.

*The ~~said~~ Commissioner of Correction shall, within thirty days after June 30, in each year, shall transmit to the Comptroller of the State and accurate, detailed statement of all ~~its~~ receipts and disbursements OF THE DEPARTMENT during the year ending on the thirtieth of June preceding. ~~including receipts from the Treasurer.~~*

678.

*The Commissioner shall make a report every year, on or before the ~~first~~ LAST day of ~~August~~, OCTOBER, to the Governor, showing the expenses, profits, losses, receipts, disbursements, condition and progress of the said institutions, together with a statement of the number of prisoners, their age, sex, color, place of nativity and conviction, offense, term of confinement, escapes, pardons, and discharges, accompanied by such remarks and suggestions as may appear necessary to the advancement of the interests of said institutions. The Commissioner, at the time of making such annual report to the Governor, shall transmit therewith a statement similar to that required to be made to the Comptroller in Section 677; and the statements and reports required to be made in this section and Section 677 of this article shall be duly sworn to by the Commissioner of Correction, and the Governor shall communicate such statements and reports to the Legislature with such recommendations as he may think expedient.*

*Correctional Director*

679.

*The office of Correctional Director is created. He shall be appointed by the Commissioner, for an indefinite term at the pleasure*