

whom the administration of the above-mentioned Acts has been delegated by the County Council of Dumfries, in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889), I, the Right Honourable Alexander Hugh, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, do hereby make the following Order:—

1. The taking or destroying the eggs of the following species of Wild Birds is prohibited throughout the entire County of Dumfries during the currency of this Order, viz. :—

Buzzard (*Buteo vulgaris*).
 Goldfinch (*Carduelis elegans*).
 Great Crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*).
 Common Gull (*Larus canus*).
 Blackheaded Gull (*Larus ridibundus*).
 Kingfisher (*Alcedo ispida*).
 Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*).
 Barn Owl (*Strix flammea*).
 Tawny Owl (*Syrnium aluco*).
 Long-eared Owl (*Asio otis*).
 Short-eared Owl (*Asio accipitrinus*).
 Oyster Catcher (*Haematopus ostralegus*).
 Ringed Plover (*Aegialitis hiaticula*).
 Pochard (*Fuligula ferina*).
 Sheld-duck (*Tadorna cornuta*).
 Shoveller (*Spatula clypeata*).
 Great Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*).
 Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*).
 Dipper (*Cinclus aquaticus*).
 Siskin (*Chrysomitris spinus*).
 Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*).
 Tufted Duck (*Fuligula cristata*).
 Osprey (*Pandion haliaëtus*).
 Nightjar (*Caprimulgus europæus*).
 Chough (*Pyrrhocorax graculus*).
 Quail (*Coturnix communis*).

2. The taking or destroying the eggs of the Lapwing (*Vanellus cristatus*) is prohibited throughout the entire County of Dumfries after the 15th day of April in each year during the currency of this Order.

3. The "Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880," shall apply within the County of Dumfries during the currency of this Order to the following species of Wild Birds as if they had been included in the Schedule to the said Act, viz. :—

Buzzard (*Buteo vulgaris*).
 Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*).
 Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*).
 Dipper (*Cinclus aquaticus*).
 Siskin (*Chrysomitris spinus*).
 Tufted Duck (*Fuligula cristata*).
 Osprey (*Pandion haliaëtus*).
 Quail (*Coturnix communis*).

4. This Order shall take effect on the 1st day of June 1896, and shall remain in force for three years from that day.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Whitehall this fourteenth day of May 1896.

L. S.

BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH,
 Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,
 ST. JAMES' PALACE, May 11, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be open

to the Public on Whit Monday only. They will be re-opened to the Public on and after Thursday the 28th instant, on every week day, Wednesdays excepted, under the usual Regulations, until further orders.

CHANCERY OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN
 ORDER,

ST. JAMES' PALACE, May 11, 1896.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to nominate and appoint—

Captain Edmund Samuel Poë, R.N., Her Majesty's ship "Blenheim";
 Commander Peyton Hoskyns, R.N., Her Majesty's ship "Blonde"; and
 Major the Honourable Henry Charles Legge, Coldstream Guards, Equerry in Ordinary to Her Majesty;

to be Members of the Fourth Class of the Royal Victorian Order, as a mark of Her Majesty's appreciation of the special services rendered by them on the occasion of the lamented death of Colonel His Royal Highness Prince Henry Maurice of Battenberg, K.G.

WAR OFFICE, May 12, 1896.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the Volunteer Officers' Decoration upon the under-mentioned Officers of the Volunteer Force, who have been duly recommended for the same under the terms of the Royal Warrant, dated 25th July 1892 :—

SCOTTISH DISTRICT.

ARTILLERY.

1st Argyll and Bute Volunteer Artillery.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Colonel John Windsor Stuart.

Lieutenant Daniel Cunningham.

ENGINEER.

1st Lanarkshire Volunteer Engineers.

Major and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel James Broadfoot, retired.

RIFLE.

6th Volunteer Battalion, The Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment).

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Charles James Allan.

8th Volunteer Battalion, The Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment).

Lieutenant Robert Stewart.

Galloway Volunteer Rifle Corps.

Captain Peter Stewart.

1st Lanarkshire Volunteer Rifle Corps.

Captain and Honorary Major James Muirhead.

Captain and Honorary Major Robert Dougall M'Ewan.

9th Lanarkshire Volunteer Rifle Corps.

Surgeon-Lieutenant Edward Henry Kelly.

2nd (Angus) Volunteer Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders).

Captain and Honorary Major James Buysers.

Captain and Honorary Major John Smart Roy.