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WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACTS, 1880 to 1896.

COUNTY OF ABERDEEN.

ORDER by the Secretary for Scotland.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by the "Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894," and upon application by the County Council of the County of Aberdeen, 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 Aberdeen during the currency of this Order, viz. :--

- Peregrine (Falco peregrinus), known also as "Hunting Hawk," "Blue Hawk," "Blue Sleeves."
- Kestrel (Falco tinnunculus), known also as "Windhover."
- Merlin Hawk (Falco æsalon).
- Long-eared Owl (Asio otus).
- Short-eared Owl (Asio accipitrinus).
- Barn Owl (Strix flammea).
- Tawny Owl (Syrnium aluco).
- Night Jar (Caprimulgus europœus), known also as "Goatsucker," "Night Hawk," "Churn Owl." and "Fern Owl."

Black-headed Gull (Larus ridibundus).

Herring Gull (Larus argentatus).

Kittiwake (Larus tridactylus).

Common Gull (Larus canus). Golden Plover (Charadrius pluvialis). Lark (Alauda arvensis). Crossbill (Loxia curvirostra).

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

3. The "Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880," shallapply within the County of Aberdeen 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. :--

- Peregrine (Falco peregrinus), known also as "Hunting Hawk," "Blue Hawk," "Blue Sleeves."
- Kestrel (Falco tinnunculus), known also as "Windhover."

Merlin Hawk (Falco æsalon).

Crosssbill (Loxia curvirostra).

This Order shall take effect on the 1st day of January 1898, and shall remain in force for one year from that day.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Whitehall, this 10th day of December-1897.

(L. S.)

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