

the following appointment to the Royal Victorian Order :—

To be a Member of the Fourth Class.

Major Arthur Abercromby Duff, C.I.E. (3rd Gordon Highlanders), late Aide-de-Camp to Field Marshal His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught.

*Chancery of the Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George,
Downing Street, 23rd March 1917.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointment to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George :—

*To be an Ordinary Member of the Second Class,
or Knights Commanders, of the said Most Distinguished Order :—*

Francis Alexander Newdigate Newdegate, Esquire, on appointment to be Governor of the State of Tasmania.

ISSUE OF TREASURY BILLS.

UNDER THE TREASURY BILLS ACT, 1877, THE NATIONAL DEBT ACT, 1889, AND THE WAR LOAN ACTS, 1914 TO 1916.

1. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that, from time to time until further notice, Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, Bank of England, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the above-mentioned Acts.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1000, £5000, or £10,000, and will be drawn for three, six, or twelve months from the date on which the relative payment is due.

3. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

4. In any week in which Bills are to be offered for Tender the amount of Bills to be so offered will be announced in the London Gazette on Monday in such week, and Tenders for the Bills must be lodged before one o'clock on the succeeding Friday.

5. The Tenders must specify the currency of the Bills required and the net amount per cent. which will be given for the amounts applied for. *The Tenders of private individuals must be made through a London Banker.*

6. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same forthwith, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England, *by means of cash or Banker's Draft on the Bank of England*, not later than two o'clock on the Tuesday next succeeding the date of tender.

7. In virtue of the provisions of section 26 of the Finance Act, 1915, Members of the House of Commons are not precluded from tendering for these Bills.

8. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall,
23rd March 1917.

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOCAL LOANS.

NOTICE.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give Notice that, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Public Works Loans Act, 1897 (60 and 61 Vict. cap. 51, Section 1), They have been pleased to direct by their Minute of the 26th March 1917, that on loans granted out of the Local Loans Fund, subsequently to the date of that Minute, there shall be chargeable, in lieu of the rates fixed by Treasury Minute of the 31st March 1916 the following rates of interest, viz. :—

	Rate of Interest.
I. Loans to Local Authorities for any purposes of the Housing Acts and the Small Holdings Acts—	
Any period	5½ per cent.
II. Other Loans secured on Local Rates—	
Not exceeding 30 years	5½ per cent.
" " 50 "	5¼ "
III. Loans not secured on Local Rates—	
(a) Loans under the Harbour and Passing Tolls Act, 1861—	
(i.) With collateral security of property	
Not exceeding 30 years	5½ per cent.
" " 50 "	5¼ "
(ii.) Without collateral security	
Not exceeding 30 years	6 per cent.
" " 50 "	6¼ "
(b) Loans under the Housing Acts—	
(i.) To companies and private persons limiting their profits as provided by Treasury Minute of 14th November 1890	
Not exceeding 30 years	5½ per cent.
" " 40 "	5¼ "
(ii.) To companies and private persons not so limiting their profits	
Not exceeding 30 years	6 per cent.
" " 40 "	6¼ "

WILD BIRDS (SCOTLAND).

THE WILD BIRDS PROTECTION (COUNTY OF INVERNESS) (No. 2) ORDER, 1917.

In pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1908, and upon application by the County Council of the County of Inverness I, the undersigned, His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, do hereby make the following Order :—

1. The whole of the County of Inverness is hereby exempted from the operation of the Act of 1880, as to the under-mentioned birds :—

All Gulls.