

WHEREAS by "The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880," the killing or taking of any kind of Wild Bird during the period between the 1st day of March and the 1st day of August in any year was prohibited :

Now, I, the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in pursuance of the powers conferred on me by "The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1896," and for special reasons which have been placed before me in an application from the Council of the County Borough of Middlesbrough, do hereby make the following Order :—

During the period from the 1st day of August in any year to the 1st day of March following, the taking or killing of the following species of Wild Birds is prohibited throughout the County Borough of Middlesbrough :—

Missel Thrush, Song Thrush, Blackbird, Skylark, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Redpoll, Linnet, Starling.

Given under my hand at Whitehall, this 20th day of September, 1897.

M. W. Ridley, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS, 1878 to 1895.

IN pursuance of section 1 of "The Rules Publication Act, 1893," notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for the Home Department proposes, at the expiration of forty days from the publication of this notice, to make an Order under section 40 of "The Factory and Workshop Act, 1895," applying the provisions of that section, with modifications, to factories and workshops in which felt hats are made.

Copies of the drafts of the proposed Order may be obtained from the Factory Department, Home Office, Whitehall.

Whitehall, September 24, 1897.

TENDERS FOR LOANS ON TREASURY BILLS.

1. THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Tuesday, the 28th instant, at one o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Acts 40 Vic., cap. 2, and 52 Vic., cap. 6, to the amount of £2,000,000, in part replacement of Bills paid off.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1,000, £5,000, or £10,000. They will be dated the 4th October, 1897, and will be payable at three

months, or six months, or twelve months, after date (at the option of the persons tendering), viz. :—on the 4th January, 1898, or 4th April, 1898, or 4th October, 1898, respectively.

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

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

5. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same on Wednesday, the 29th instant, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England not later than three o'clock, on Monday, the 4th proximo.

6. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers, September 21, 1897.

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

(DATED 23RD SEPTEMBER 1897.)

(SWINE-FEVER INFECTED AREA.)

THE Board of Agriculture, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in them vested under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1896, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :

1. The Order described in the Schedule to this Order is hereby from and after the commencement of this Order revoked: Provided that such revocation shall not invalidate or make unlawful anything done under the Swine-Fever (Infected Areas) Order of 1896 and the Order described in the Schedule to this Order before the commencement of this Order, or interfere with the institution or prosecution of any proceeding in respect of any offence committed against, or any penalty incurred under, those Orders before the commencement of this Order.

2. This Order shall come into operation on the twenty-seventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

In witness whereof the Board of Agriculture have hereunto set their Official Seal this twenty-third day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

L. S.

J. T. Tennant,
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

Order Revoked.

No.	Date.	Subject.
5658	8 July 1897.	Declaring the following to be a Swine-Fever Infected Area for the purposes of the Swine-Fever (Infected Areas) Order of 1896, namely,—an Area comprising the parishes of Brimington, Tapton, Newbold and Dunston, Whittington, Brampton, Baslow and Bubnell, Curbar, Chatsworth, Walton, Wingerworth, Hasland, Calow, Temple Normanton, Tupton, North Wingfield, and Woodthorpe, in the county of Derby, and also comprising the borough of Chesterfield.

Copies of the above Order can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Board of Agriculture, 4, Whitehall Place, London, S.W.