Lieutenant J. C. H. Rigby, Royal Marine Light

Infantry. Dated 1st January, 1900. Lieutenant C. A. Wilkinson, the King's (Shropshire Light Infantry). Dated 1st January,

Lieutenant J. C. Robertson, the West India

Regiment. Dated 1st January, 1900. Lieutenant R. H. K. Willans, the Army Service

Corps Dated 10th February, 1900.

Lieutenant A. B. Molesworth, the West India Regiment. Dated 1st January, 1900.

The undermentioned Officers are granted the local rank of Captain whilst employed as Company Commanders with the West African Regiment: Lieutenant G. Loch, the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. Dated 10th December, 1849.

Lieutenant P. Lonsdale, the East Lancashire

Regiment. Dated 25th January, 1900. Lieutenant G. A. Stevens, the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment). Dated 17th February, 190).

Lieutenant A. A. St. Hill, the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment). Dated 17th February, 1900.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Worcester.

Sir Benjamin Hingley, Bart., to be Deputy Lieu-

tenant. Dated 28th May, 1900. Christopher Dove Barker, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 28th May, 1900.

FAIRS. Alteration of Date. BRIDPORT.

WHEREAS a representation has been duly made to me as Secretary of State for the Home Department, by the Town Council of Bridport, that a Fair has been annually held in that town on the 6th day of April and the 11th day of October, and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the said Fair should in future be held on the first Wednesday in April and the first Wednesday in October respectively:

And whereas notice of the said representation, and of the time when I should take the same into consideration, has been duly published in pur-

suance of "The Fairs Act, 1873":

And whereas on such representation and consideration it appears to me that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that the said Fair should in future be held on the first Wednesday in April and the first Wednesday in October respectively:

Now therefore I, as the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in exercise of the powers vested in me by "The Fairs Act, 1873," do hereby order that the Fair which has been annually held on the 6th day of April and the 11th day of October, shall in future be held on the first Wednesday in April and the first Wednesday in October, respectively.

Given under my hand at Whitehall, this 29th day of May, 1900.

M. W. Ridley.

WILD BIRD (ENGLAND). The Wild Birds Protection (County of Southampton) Order, 1900. Dated 29th May, 1900.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1896, and upon application by the Council of the Administrative County of Southampton, I hereby make the following Order:-

Title.

I. This Order may be cited as "The Wild Birds Protection (County of Southampton) Order,

BIRDS.

Additions to the Schedule of the Act of 1880. II. The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, shall apply within the Administrative County of Southampton to the following species of Wild Birds in the same manner as if those species were included in the schedule to the Act:-

Daitford Warbler, Bearded Tit, Rose-coloured Pastor, Nuteracker, Nuthatch, Raven, Swallow, House Martin, Sand Martin, Lesser Redpoll, Crossbill, Swift, Marsh Harrier, Hen Harrier, Montagu's Harrier, Common Buzzard, Eagle (all species), Kite, Honey Buzzard, Peregrine Falcon, Hobby, Merlin, Kestrel, Osprey, Night Heron, Stork, Quail, Spotted Crake, Little Crake, Baillon's Crake, Great Bustard, Little Bustard.

Certain Birds protected during the whole of the Year.

III. During the period from the 1st day of August in any year to the last day of February following, both days inclusive, the killing or taking of the following species of Wild Birds is prohibited throughout the Administrative County of South-ampton:—Black Redstart, Darford Warbler, Bearded Tit, Oriole, Chough, Nutcracker, Nuthatch, Raven, Great Grey Shrike, Goldfinch, Lesser Redpoll, Crossbill, Woodlark, Woodpecker (all species), Kingfisher, Hoopoe, Owl (all species), Marsh Harrier, Montagu's Harrier, Common Buzzard, Eagle (all species), Kite, Honey Buzzard, Peregrine Falcon, Hobby, Merlin, Osprey, Bittern (all species), Spoonbill, Great Bustard, Little Bustard, Stone Curlew, Avocet, Tern (all species), Gull (all species), Diver (all species), Grebe (Sclavonian, Red-necked, Eared, Great Crested).

All Birds protected on Sundays and on Christmas Day in certain Areas.

IV. During the period from the 1st day of August in any year to the last day of February following, both days inclusive, the killing ortaking of Wild Birds on Sundays and on Christmas Day is prohibited in the following Petty Sessional Divisions of the County of Southampton:—Alton, Basingstoke, Fareham, Lymington and New Forest, Odiham, Petersfield, Ringwood, Romsey, Southampton, and Winchester.

Eggs.

Certain Eggs protected throughout the County. V. The taking or destroying of the eggs of the following species of Wild Birds is prohibited throughout the Administrative County of Southampton :-

Common Buzzard, Honey Buzzard, Kingfisher, Montagu's Harrier, Nightingale, Owl, Wood-pecker, Dartford Warbler, Oriole, Raven, Goldfinch, Lesser Redpoll, Crossbill, Nightjar, Hooppe, Marsh Harrier, Hobby, Merlin, Nuthatch, Kestrel Common Heron, Night Heron, Bittern (allspecies), Wild Duck (all species), Sheldrake, Sand Grouse, Quail, Stone Curlew, Lapwing (after April 30th), Redshank, Curlew, Tern (all species), Black-headed Gull, Great Crested Grebe.

Repeal of former Order.

VI. The Order of the 7th September, 1895,: is hereby repealed.

Given under my hand at Whitehall this 29th day of May, 1900.

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