Foreign Office,

April 1, 1908.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Clifford Edward Heathcote Smith, Esq., to be His Majesty's Vice-Consul at Smyrna.

Foreign Office,

May 6, 1908.

The KING has been pleased to approve of— Mr. James Searle as Consul of Uruguay at Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Scottish Office, Whitehall,

May 12, 1908.

The KING has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be made and passed under the Seal appointed to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, appointing Peter Hume Brown, Esq., LL.D., Professor of Ancient History and Palæography in the University of Edinburgh, to be His Majesty's Historiographer in Scotland, in the room of Dr. David Masson, deceased.

Crown Office,

May 14, 1908.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

Montrose District of Burghs.

Robert Vernon Harcourt, Esq., in the place of the Right Honourable John Morley, who has accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of the Manor of Northstead, in the county of York.

Whitehall, May 12, 1908.

In pursuance of section 53 of the Explosives Act, 1875 (38 Victoria, chapter 17), the Right Honourable Herbert John Gladstone, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been pleased to appoint Captain Henry Coningham, R.A., to be an Inspector for the purposes of the said Act, such appointment to take effect from the 14th day of May, 1908.

WILD BIRD (ENGLAND).

The Wild Birds Protection (County of Cumberland) Order, 1908.

Dated 14th May, 1908.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the Wild Birds Protection Acts. 1880 to 1904, and upon application by the County Council of the Administrative County of Cumberland, I hereby make the following Order:—

Title.

I. This Order may be cited as "The Wild Birds Protection (County of Cumberland) Order, 1908."

BIRDS.

Close Time extended.

II. The time during which the killing or taking of Wild Birds (other than Plover and Wild Duck) is prohibited within the County of Cumberland shall be extended so as to be between the first day of March and the first day of September in any year, the close time for Plover and Wild Duck remaining as fixed by the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, namely, between the first of March and the first day of August in any year.

Additions to the Schedule of the Act of 1880.

III. The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, shall apply within the County of Cumberland to the following species of Wild Birds in the same manner as if those species were included in the Schedule to the Act:—

Hedge Accentor (Hedge Sparrow), Reed Bunting, Buzzard, Chiffchaff, Corn Crake (or Land Rail), Tree Creeper, Crossbill, Dipper, Turtle Dove, Peregrine Falcon, Pied Flycatcher, Spotted Flycatcher, Kestrel, Kite, Linnet, House Martin, Sand Martin, Merlin, Ring Ouzel, Rock Pipit, Tree Pipit, Quail, Water Rail, Raven, Lesser Redpole, Redstart, Tree Sparrow, Stonechat, Swallow, Swift, Coal Tit, Long-tailed Tit, Marsh Tit, Twite, Wagtails, Blackcap Warbler, Garden Warbler, Grasshopper Warbler, Sedge Warbler, Willow Warbler, Wood Warbler, Wheatear, Whinchat, Whitethroat, Lesser Whitethroat, Wren, Golden-crested Wren.

The Goldfinch protected during the whole of the Year.

IV. During the period between the 31st day of August in any year and the 2nd day of March following the killing or taking of the Goldfinch is prohibited throughout the County of Cumberland.

Certain Birds protected on Sundays and on Christmas Day.

V. During the period between the 31st day of August in any year and the 2nd day of March following the killing or taking of the following species of Wild Birds on Sundays and on Christmas Day is prohibited throughout the County of Cumberland:—

Brambling, Bullfinch, Lapland Bunting, Reed Bunting, Snow Bunting, Yellow Bunting (Yellow Hammer), Chaffinch, Tree Creeper, Crossbill, Shore Lark, Sky Lark, Linnet, Lesser Redpole, Mealy Redpole, Siskin, Tree Sparrow, Twite, Wren, Golden-crested Wren.