

of the conditions of life of the great body of Your Majesty's subjects.

We sincerely trust that Your Majesty may be long spared to continue and develop the beneficent influence of Your illustrious reign.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

"I thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address.

"I am glad to have this opportunity of receiving you, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Bedford, and of assuring you that I feel no less interest in this ancient Borough than My Predecessors from whom it has, in earlier centuries, received so many marks of Royal favour.

"I congratulate you upon the signal instance of munificence to which you owe your famous Schools, and upon their present prosperity. I recognise how much those who have been trained in them have contributed both to the administration and to the defence of My Empire.

"I am glad that while your town retains the traditions and the institutions it has inherited from the past, it has, within recent years, exhibited a rapidly increasing prosperity, and that the advancing population contributes by its manufactures to the progress of the agricultural industry and to the defence of our country.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may still rest upon you.

Downing Street,
July 31, 1909.

The KING has been pleased to appoint Major-General Sir Harry Barron, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., to be Governor of the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

Downing Street.
July 31, 1909.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Duncan Alexander MacDonald, Esq., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Saint Vincent.

Downing Street,
August 2, 1909.

The KING has been pleased to appoint Brevet-Colonel Sir Edouard Percy Cranwill Girouard, R.E., K.C.M.G., D.S.O. (Governor of Northern Nigeria), to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the East Africa Protectorate.

THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF
THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF
JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

Chancery of the Order,
St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London, E.C.,
July 31, 1909.

The KING has been graciously pleased to sanction the following appointments to the Order

of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:—

Knights of Grace.

Fred Hibbert Westmacott, Esq., F.R.C.S. (from Honorary Associate).
John Robert Heape, Esq. (from Honorary Associate).

Esquire.

Robert Mitchell, Esq. (from Honorary Associate).

WILD BIRD (ENGLAND).

The Wild Birds Protection (County of Norfolk) Order, 1909.

Dated 30th July, 1909.

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 Administrative County of Norfolk, I hereby make the following Order:—

Title.

I. This Order may be cited as "The Wild Birds Protection (County of Norfolk) Order, 1909."

BIRDS.

Close Time extended.

II. The period during which the killing or taking of Wild Birds is prohibited by the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, shall be extended throughout the County of Norfolk, so as to be between the 1st day of March and the 1st day of September in any year, so far as regards all Birds mentioned in the schedule to that Act, or added thereto by Clause III of this Order, except Woodcock, the close time for which shall be extended so as to be between the 1st day of February and the 13th day of August in any year, and Snipe, Teal and all species of Wild Duck, the close time for which will remain as fixed by the Act of 1880, namely, between the 1st day of March and the 1st 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 Norfolk to the following species of Wild Birds in the same manner as if those species were included in the schedule to the Act:—

Great Bustard, Crossbill, Sand Martin, Bearded Tit (Reedling or Reed Pheasant).

Certain Birds 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 Bittern, Little Bittern, Great Bustard, Goldfinch, Kingfisher, Owl (all species), and Bearded Tit (Reedling or Reed Pheasant), is prohibited throughout the County of Norfolk.

All Birds protected on Sundays in certain Areas.

V. During that period of the year to which the protection afforded by the Act of 1880, and by Clause II of this Order, does not extend, the killing or taking of Wild Birds on Sundays is prohibited within the areas described in Article VI, paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this Order.

Eggs.

All Eggs protected in certain Areas.

VI. The taking or destroying of the eggs of any species of Wild Birds is prohibited during the