

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,  
St. James's Palace, S.W.,  
January 23, 1912.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint the Reverend Henry Montagu Butler, D.D., Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, to be one of His Majesty's Chaplains in Ordinary.

The KING has also been pleased to appoint the Reverend Archibald Boyd Boyd-Carpenter, M.A., to be one of His Majesty's Chaplains in Ordinary.

*Foreign Office,  
January 23, 1912.*

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received from His Majesty's Ambassador at Rome a communication to the following effect:—

The Italian Government has notified the establishment of a blockade, from the 22nd instant, by Italian ships of war, of the Ottoman Red Sea Coast between latitude 15° 11' and latitude 14° 30' from Rasisa, North of Hodeidah, to Rasgoulaifac to the South.

A term, which will be fixed by the Commander of the blockading squadron, will be granted to neutral vessels, during which they may freely leave the blockaded area.

*Whitehall, January 18th, 1912.*

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto the undermentioned gentlemen His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear Decorations (as stated against their respective names) which have been conferred upon them by His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorised by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, in recognition of valuable services rendered by them:—

*Third Class, Imperial Ottoman Order of the Medjidieh.*

Charles Todd, Esq., M.D., Public Health Department, Cairo.

Charles Carkeet James, Esq., Controller-General of the Main Drainage Department, Cairo.

Ernest Tetlow Richmond, Esq., Director-General of State Buildings under the Egyptian Government.

*Fourth Class, Imperial Ottoman Order of the Medjidieh.*

Stanley Smyth Flower, Esq., sometime Captain in the Northumberland Fusiliers, Director of the Zoological Gardens, Cairo.

John Murray, Esq., Irrigation Department.

*Whitehall, January 19, 1912.*

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal of the First Class to Herbert Dobinson under the following circumstances:—

On the 26th of July, 1911, a serious explosion took place at an Explosives Factory belonging to Messrs. Curtis's and Harvey Limited,

at Cliffe, in the county of Kent, resulting in the death of three men and serious injury to three others. The explosion took place in one of the nitro-glycerine washing and filtering houses a few minutes after Dobinson had left the building. He was knocked down by the force of the explosion, but heard a fellow workman named J. Wordley call for help. Wordley had been blown by the explosion under a gun-cotton truck, which had caught fire, and was quite unable to do anything to free himself. Dobinson, without knowing the nature of the burning explosive, returned to the shed, ran in at the imminent risk of being killed by a further explosion, and released Wordley from his perilous position.

#### WILD BIRD (ENGLAND).

The Wild Birds Protection (Administrative County of Devon) Order, 1912.

Dated 22nd January, 1912.

In pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1908, and upon application by the Council of the Administrative County of Devon, I hereby make the following Order:—

#### *Title.*

I. This Order may be cited as "The Wild Birds Protection (Administrative County of Devon) Order, 1912."

#### BIRDS.

#### *Close Time extended.*

II. The time during which the killing or taking of Wild Birds is prohibited by the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, shall be extended throughout the Administrative County of Devon, so far as the undermentioned birds are concerned, so as to be between the 31st day of January and the 1st day of September in each year:—

Bittern, Curlew or Whaup, Dotterel, Dunlin (Ploverspage, Purre or Sealark), Gannet or Solan Goose, Grebe, Hobby, Lark, Merlin, Nightingale, Nightjar (Fern Owl, Goatsucker or Night Hawk), Nutcracker, Nuthatch, Oriole, Richard's Pipit, Water Pipit, Plover (Lapwing or Poo-wit), Puffin (Coulterneb or Sea Parrot), Razorbill, Sanderling, Sandpiper, Summer Snipe or Otterling, Stone Curlew or Thick Knee, Tern or Sea Swallow, Whimbrel.

*Additions to the Schedule of the Act of 1880.*

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

Snow Bunting, Buzzard, Honey Buzzard, Hobby, Kestrel, Merlin, Nutcracker, Nuthatch, Osprey, Richard's Pipit, Water Pipit, Lesser Redpole, Mealy Redpole, Wild Swan, Bearded Titmouse.

#### *The Shag and Cormorant deprived of protection.*

IV. The whole of the Administrative County of Devon is hereby exempted from the operation of the Wild Birds Protection Act,