

Any Gentleman who under these circumstances should desire to be presented to The Queen will observe the same regulations as are in force for Her Majesty's Levees.

The State Apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at two o'clock.

LATHOM, Lord Chamberlain.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,  
ST. JAMES' PALACE, February 5, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the State Apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed after Tuesday next, the 9th instant, until further orders.

WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACTS,  
1880 to 1894.

COUNTY OF MID-LOTHIAN.

ORDER by the Secretary for Scotland.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by the "Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894," and upon application by the County Council of the County of Mid-Lothian, I, the Right Honourable Alexander Hugh, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, do hereby make the following Order:—

1. The taking or destroying the eggs of the following species of Wild Birds is prohibited throughout the entire County of Mid-Lothian during the currency of this Order, viz. :—

Dipper (Water Ousel, Water Crow) (*Cinclus aquaticus*).  
Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*).  
Raven (*Corvus corax*).  
Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula europæa*).  
Hawfinch (*Coccothraustes vulgaris*).  
Goldfinch (*Carduelis elegans*).  
Linnet (Lintie) (*Linota cannabina*).  
Lesser Redpoll (*Linota rufescens*).  
Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*).  
Nightjar (Goatsucker, Fern Owl) (*Caprimulgus europæus*).  
Kingfisher (*Alcedo ispada*).  
Owl—Barn (Yellow, White, or Screech Owl) (*Strix flammea*).  
Owl—Long-eared (*Asio otus*).  
Owl—Short-eared (*Asio accipitrinus*).  
Owl—Tawny or Brown (*Syrnium aluco*).  
Merlin (*Falco æsalon*).  
Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*).  
Mallard or Wild Duck (*Anas boscas*).  
Teal (*Querquedula crecca*).  
Tufted Duck (*Fuligula cristata*).  
Golden Plover (*Charadrius pluvialis*).  
Snipe (*Gallinago celestis*).  
Dunlin or Sea Snipe (*Tringa alpina*).  
Sandpiper (*Totanus hypoleucus*).  
Redshank (*Totanus calidris*).  
Curlew or Whaup (*Numenius arquata*).  
Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*).

2. The taking or destroying the eggs of the Lapwing (*Vanellus cristatus*) is prohibited throughout the entire County of Mid-Lothian after the 15th day of April in each year during the currency of this Order.

3. The "Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880," shall apply within the County of Mid-Lothian during the currency of this Order to the following

species of Wild Birds as if they had been included in the Schedule to the said Act, viz. :—

Dipper (Water Ousel, Water Crow) (*Cinclus aquaticus*).  
Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*).  
Raven (*Corvus corax*).  
Hawfinch (*Coccothraustes vulgaris*).  
Linnet (Lintie) (*Linota cannabina*).  
Lesser Redpoll (*Linota rufescens*).  
Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula europæa*).  
Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*).  
Merlin (*Falco æsalon*).  
Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*).  
Tufted Duck (*Fuligula cristata*).  
Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*).

3. This Order shall take effect on the 1st day of March 1897, and shall remain in force for one year from that day.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Whitehall this 3rd day of February 1897.

L. S.

BALFOUR or BURLEIGH,  
Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland.

WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACTS,  
1880 to 1894.

COUNTY OF ZETLAND.

ORDER by the Secretary for Scotland.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by the "Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894," and upon application by the County Council of the County of Zetland, I, the Right Honourable Alexander Hugh, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, do hereby make the following Order:—

1. The taking or destroying the eggs of the following species of Wild Birds is prohibited throughout the entire County of Zetland during the currency of this Order, viz. :—

White-tailed or Sea-Eagle, or Erne (*Haliaëtus albicilla*).  
Great Skua, or Bonxie, or Skooie (*Stercorarius catarrhactes*).  
Arctic, or Richardson's Skua, or Skooie, or Boatswain, or Skooty Allan (*Stercorarius crepidatus*).  
Whimbrel, or Tangwhaup, or Peerie Whaup (*Numenius phæopus*).  
Red-necked Phalarope (*Phalaropus hyperboreus*).  
Red-necked Diver, or Rain-bird, or Rain-goose (*Colymbus septentrionalis*).  
Great Northern Diver, or Immer-goose, or Ember-goose (*Colymbus glacialis*).

2. The "Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880," shall apply within the County of Zetland during the currency of this Order to the following species of Wild Birds as if it had been included in the Schedule to the said Act, viz. :—

White-tailed or Sea-Eagle, or Erne (*Haliaëtus albicilla*).

3. This Order shall take effect on the first day of March 1897, and shall remain in force for one year from that day.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Whitehall this third day of February 1897.

L. S.

BALFOUR or BURLEIGH,  
Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland,