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SALMON FISHERIES (SCOTLAND). (31 and 32 Vict. cap. 123.)

Order by the Secretary for Scotland varying the Annual Close Time for Angling in the Districts of the Rivers Halladale, Strathy, Naver, and Borgie.

WHEREAS it is provided by the 9th Section of 'The Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act, 1868' (31 and 32 Vict. cap. 123), that 'Any District Board at any Meeting, of which 'due notice has been given by advertisement at 'least ten days previously, in a newspaper printed 'or circulated in the County or Counties in which

- the District is situated, may resolve to petition the Secretary of State . . . To vary the
- 'Annual Close Time in such District, provided
- that such Annual Close Time shall always be
- ' One hundred and sixty-eight days.'

And whereas the powers and duties of the Secretary of State, with regard to the Salmon Fisheries in Scotland, are transferred to the Secretary for Scotland by 'The Secretary for Scotland Act, 1885' (48 and 49 Vict. cap. 61).

And whereas His Grace the Duke of Sutherland, the sole proprietor of the Rivers Halladale, Strathy, Naver, and Borgie, and of the Salmon Fishery Districts belonging thereto, has presented a Petition to the Secretary for Scotland for an alteration of the Angling Close Time at present applicable to

the aforesaid Rivers and Districts, which now extends from the 11th day of September to the 11th day of January, both days inclusive, praying that such Close Time may be so varied as to make the Angling Season extend from the 12th day of January to the 30th day of September, both days inclusive.

And whereas it appears to me, the said Secretary for Scotland, after full consideration of the said Petition, that the alteration in the Angling Close Time applied for by the Petitioner would be advantageous to the Fisheries and suitable to the physical characteristics of the aforesaid Rivers Halladale, Strathy, Naver, and Borgie, and the Salmon Fishery Districts belonging thereto.

Now therefore I, the Most Honourable Schomberg Henry, Marquis of Lothian, K.T., Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, do, by this Order under my hand, hereby fix and determine that the Annual Close Time for Angling applicable to the Rivers Halladale, Strathy, Naver, and Borgie, and the Salmon Fishery Districts belonging thereto, shall in future extend from the 1st day of October to the 11th day of January, both days inclusive, so as to make the Angling Season extend from the 12th day of January to the 30th day of September, both days inclusive; and in pursuance of the provisions of the said first recited Act, I do hereby direct that this Order shall be published in the Edinburgh Gazette.