21st Middlesex (the Finsbury), Arthur Henry Henderson. Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 4th March, 1896.

22nd Middlesex (Central London Rangers), The undermentioned Gentlemen to be Second Lieu-

Harry Frederick Pollock. Dated 4th March, 1896.

Herbert Arthur Jones. Dated 4th March,

2nd London, Captain F. R. Thomson is granted the honorary rank of Major. Dated 4th March, 1896.

2nd Volunteer Battalion, the York and Lancaster Regiment, Second Lieutenant A. Davies resigns his Commission. Dated 4th March, 1896.

3rd (Sunderland) Volunteer Battalion, the Durham Light Infantry, Reginald Peacock, Esq., formerly Captain, is re-appointed Captain. Dated 4th March, 1896.

Walter John Evans, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 4th March, 1896.

16th Middlesex (London Irish), The undermen-'tioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants: F. C. Dudley. Dated 4th March, 1896.

W. W. Patterson: Dated 4th March, 1896.

1st Tower Hamlets, The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants:—

J. K. Torkington. Dated 4th March, 1896. H. T. Barnett. Dated 4th March, 1896.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Bedford.

The Duke of Bedford to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 27th February, 1896.

EXCHEQUER BILLS.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice to the holders of Exchequer Bills issued under the authority of the Act 29 V., c. 25, and dated the 11th March, 1892, that the interest thereon for the half year ending on the 11th March, 1896, will be payable at the Bank of England on and after the 11th March next; and that the interest of such Exchequer Bills for the following half year to 11th September, 1896, will be at the rate of three-quarters per centum per annum.

All holders of Exchequer Bills dated the 11th March, 1892, who intend to demand payment of the principal sums therein contained at the expiration of the fourth year of their currency, must leave the said Bills at the Bank of England for examination, not later than the 7th March next, between the hours of ten and two; and payment of the said principal sums will be made at the Bank on

and after the 11th day of March next.

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, February 28, 1896.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred on me by "The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894," and, upon application by the County Council of the Administrative County of Durham, I hereby make the following Orders:

1. The taking or destroying of the Eggs of the following species of Wild Birds is prohibited throughout the Administrative County of Dur-

Blackheaded Gull, Common Buzzard, Kestrel, Merlin, Owls (all species), Bittern, Curlew, Dipper, Dotterel, Dunlin, Golden Plover, Goldfinch,

Heron, Hawfinch, Kingfisher, Martins (all species), Nightjar, Nuthatch, Pied Flycatcher, Peregrine Falcon, Raven, Ring Ouzel, Snipe, Swallow, Trecerceper, Water Rail, Wagtails, Woodpeckers (all species), Woodcock. Martins (all

2. "The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880," shall apply throughout the County of Durham to the following species of Wild Birds in the same manner as though those species were included in the Schedule to the Act :-

Bearded Tit, Buzzards (all species), Hobby, Kestrel, Martins (all species). Merlin, Osprey, Peregrine Falcon, Swallow, Swift, Wryneck.

Whitehall, February 27, 1896.

M. W. Ridley, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

COAL MINES REGULATION ACT, 1887. METALLIFEROUS MINES REGULATION ACTS, 1872 AND 1875. QUARRIES ACT, 1894.

BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH DURHAM.

WHEREAS for the purposes of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1887, the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Acts, 1872 and 1875, and the Quarries Act, 1894, a part of the northern portion of the county of Durham is assigned to the district known as the Newcastle District, and the remaining portion of the said county to the district known as the Durham District, I, the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, hereby direct that from and after the date of this Order the boundary between the said two portions of the said county shall be determined as follows, that is to say, by a line commencing at the mouth of the River Wear in the county borough of Sunderland, in the said county of Durham, and following the course of the said river westward to the point near the township of Painshaw where the North Eastern Railway crosses the said river, thence following the said line of railway north-westward to the Washington Railway Station and thence the line of the Pontop and South Shields Railway westward to the point where the latter line strikes the boundary line of the township of Medomsley, near Leadgate, thence following the eastern boundary line of the said township of Medomsley northward as far as the River Derwent, and thence proceeding westward along the said River Derwent to the boundary of the county of Northumberland; and that all the mines and quarries situate to the north of the said line shall belong to the said Newcastle District, and that all the mines and quarries situate to the south of the said line shall belong to the said M. W. Ridley. Durham District.

Whitehall, February 27, 1896.

Civil Service Commission, March 3, 1896.

THE following Candidates have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified for the appointments set against their respective names :-

February 27, 1896.

After Open Competition. Boy Clerk, Arnold Alsbury Moore.

Inland Revenue: Assistants of Excise, Alexander William McLennan, Frederick George Pipe.

Post Office: Female Sorter, London, Elizabeth Burrell.