VOLUNTEER MEDICAL STAFF CORPS. The Aberdeen Company, Ashley Watson Mackintosh, M.D., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant. Dated 3rd December, 1898.

The Woolwich Company, Surgeon-Captain P. O. Haynes resigns his Commission. Dated 3rd December, 1898.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACTS, 1878 TO 1895.

IN pursuance of section 1 of "The Rules Publication Act, 1893," notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for the Home Department proposes, at the expiration of forty days from the publication of this notice, to make an order under section 39 of "The Factory and Workshop Act, 1895," allowing warehouses forming part of factories or workshops in which edged tools are made to be treated as separate factories or workshops, so far as regards the period of employment of children, young persons, and

Copies of the draft of the proposed Order may be obtained from the Factory Department, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.

Whitehall, December 2, 1898.

Scottish Office, Whitehall, December 1, 1898.

THE Secretary for Scotland hereby gives notice, that the following Orders have been made by him under the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1896, upon the application of the respective County Councils :-

SCOTLAND.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The Wild Birds Protection (County of Bute)

Order, 1898.
WHEREAS by the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1896, as applying to Scotland, it is, amongst other things, provided as follows:-

Firstly: Any person who between the first day of March and the first day of August in any year shall knowingly and wilfully shoot or attempt to shoot, or shall use any boat for the purpose of shooting or causing to be shot, any Wild Bird, or shall use any lime, trap, spare, net, or other instrument for the purpose of taking any Wild Bird, or shall expose or offer for sale, or shall have in his control or possession after the fifteenth day of March, any Wild Bird recently killed or taken, shall, on conviction of any such offence before the Sheriff, in the case of any Wild Bird which is included in the Schedule hereunto annexed, forfeit and pay for every such bird in respect of which an offence has been committed a sum not exceeding one pound, and, in the case of any other Wild Bird, shall for a first offence be reprimanded and discharged on payment of costs, and for every subsequent offence forfeit and pay for every such Wild Bird in respect of which an offence is committed a sum of money not exceeding five shillings, in addition to the costs. This section shall not apply to the owner or occupier of any land, or to any person authorized by the owner or occupier of any land, killing or taking any Wild Bird on such land not included in the Schedule hereto annexed.

NOTE .- By an Order of the Secretary for Scotland, dated 27th July, 1891, the close time enacted by this section has been extended, so far as regards the county of Zetland, to the 31st day of August in each year.

Schedule to Act of 1880 as amended by Act of 1881.

American Quail.

Auk.

Avocet. Bee-eater.

Bittern.

Bonxie.

Colin.

Cornish Chough.

Coulterneb.

Cuckoo.

Curlew.

Diver.

Dotterel.

Dunbird.

Dunlin.

Eider Duck.

Fern-owl.

Fulmar. Gannet.

Goatsucker.

Godwit.

Goldfinch.

Grebe.

Greenshank,

Guillemot.

Guil (except Black-backed Guil).

Hoopoe.

Kingfisher.

Kittiwake.

Lapwing.

Tark.

Loon. Mallard.

Marrot.

Merganser.

Murre.

Night-hawk.

Nightjar.

Nightingale.

Oriole.

Owl.

Ox Bird.

Oyster Catcher.

Peewit.

Petrel.

Phalarope. Plover.

Ploverspage. Pochard.

Puffin.

Purre.

Razorbill.

Redshank.

Reeve or Ruff.

Roller.

Sanderling. Sandpiper.

Scout.

Sealark.

Seamew.

Sea Parrot.

Sea Swallow. Shearwater.

Shelldrake.

Shoveller.

Skua.

Smew.

Snipe.

Solan Goose.

Spoonbill.

Stint.

Stone Curlew,

Stonehatch.

Summer Snipe, Tarrock.