

*Secondly*: The Secretary for Scotland may, upon application by the County Council of any administrative county, by Order prohibit:—

- (1.) The taking or destroying of Wild Birds' eggs in any year or years in any place or places within that county; or
- (2.) The taking or destroying the eggs of any specified kind of Wild Birds within that county or part or parts thereof, as recommended by the said County Council, and set forth in the said Order.

*Thirdly*: The Secretary for Scotland may, on the representation of the Council of any administrative county, order that the principal Act shall apply within that county, or any part or parts thereof, to any species of Wild Bird not included in the Schedule of that Act, as if that species of Wild Bird were included in the Schedule of that Act.

*Fourthly*: The powers exercisable by the Secretary for Scotland shall extend to the making of an Order prohibiting, for special reasons mentioned in the application, the taking or killing of particular kinds of Wild Birds during the whole or any part of that period of the year to which the protection of Wild Birds under the Act of 1880 does not extend, or the taking or killing of all Wild Birds in particular places during the whole or any part of that period.

Now, therefore, I, the Right Honourable Alexander Hugh, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by the said Acts, and upon application by the County Council of the county of Ayr, do hereby make the following Order:—

#### I.—BIRDS.

1. The "Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880," shall apply within the county of Ayr 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.:—

- Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula europæa*).
- Buzzard (*Buteo vulgaris*).
- Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*).
- Dipper (*Cinclus aquaticus*).
- Hawfinch (*Coccothraustes vulgaris*).
- Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*).
- Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*).
- Merlin (*Falco æsalon*).
- Osprey (*Pandion haliaëtus*).
- Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*).
- Quail (*Coturnix communis*).
- Raven (*Corvus corax*).
- Siskin (*Chrysomitris spinus*).
- Tufted Duck (*Fuligula cristata*).

2. The taking or killing of any of the following kinds of Wild Birds is prohibited, so far as concerns the said county, throughout the whole year during the currency of this Order:—

- Buzzard (*Buteo vulgaris*).
- Chough (*Pyrrhocorax graculus*).
- Dotterel (*Eudromias morinellus*).
- Goldfinch (*Carduelis elegans*).
- Great-crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*).
- Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*).
- Kingfisher (*Alcedo ispida*).
- Osprey (*Pandion haliaëtus*).
- Owl, Barn (*Strix flammea*).
- Owl, Long-eared (*Asio otus*).
- Owl, Short-eared (*Asio accipitrinus*).
- Owl, Tawny (*Syrnium aluco*).
- Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*).
- Woodpecker, Great Spotted (*Dendrocopus major*).

#### II.—EGGS.

3. The taking or destroying the eggs of the

following species of Wild Birds is prohibited within the said county during the currency of this Order, viz.:—

- Bullfinch (*Pyrrhula europæa*).
- Buzzard (*Buteo vulgaris*).
- Chough (*Pyrrhocorax graculus*).
- Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*).
- Dipper (*Cinclus aquaticus*).
- Dotterel (*Eudromias morinellus*).
- Eider Duck (*Somateria mollissima*).
- Goldfinch (*Carduelis elegans*).
- Great-crested Grebe (*Podiceps cristatus*).
- Gull, Common (*Larus canus*).
- Hawfinch (*Coccothraustes vulgaris*).
- Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*).
- Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*).
- Kingfisher (*Alcedo ispida*).
- Mallard (*Anas boscas*).
- Merlin (*Falco æsalon*).
- Nightjar (*Caprimulgus europæus*).
- Osprey (*Pandion haliaëtus*).
- Owl, Barn (*Strix flammea*).
- Owl, Long-eared (*Asio otus*).
- Owl, Short-eared (*Asio accipitrinus*).
- Owl, Tawny (*Syrnium aluco*).
- Oyster Catcher (*Hæmatopus ostralegus*).
- Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*).
- Plover, Golden (*Charadrius pluvialis*).
- Plover, Ringed (*Ægialitis hiaticula*).
- Pochard (*Fuligula ferina*).
- Quail (*Coturnix communis*).
- Raven (*Corvus corax*).
- Sheld Duck (*Tadorna cornuta*).
- Shoveller (*Spatula clypeata*).
- Siskin (*Chrysomitris spinus*).
- Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*).
- Snipe (*Gallinago coelestis*).
- Teal (*Querquedula crecca*).
- Tern, Common (*Sterna fluviatilis*).
- Tern, Little (*Sterna minuta*).
- Tern, Sandwich (*Sterna cantiaca*).
- Tufted Duck (*Fuligula cristata*).
- Wigeon (*Mareca penelope*).
- Woodcock (*Scolopax rusticula*).
- Woodpecker, Great Spotted (*Dendrocopus major*).

4. The taking or destroying the eggs of the Lapwing (*Vanellus cristatus*) is prohibited within the said county after the fifteenth day of April in each year during the currency of this Order.

#### III.—CURRENCY OF ORDER.

5. This Order shall take effect on the first day of January, 1899, and shall remain in force for three years from that day.

#### IV.—TITLE.

6. This Order may be cited as "The Wild Birds Protection (County of Ayr) Order, 1898." Given under my hand and seal of office at Whitehall, this first day of December, 1898.

L. S.

Balfour of Burleigh,  
Her Majesty's Secretary for  
Scotland.

Similar Orders have been issued applicable to the undermentioned counties in the Southern District:—

- Berwickshire,
- Clackmannanshire,
- Dumfriesshire,
- Haddingtonshire,
- Lanarkshire,
- Linlithgowshire,
- Midlothian,