

Second Lieutenant Walter Andrews, from 2nd Volunteer Battalion, in succession to Lieutenant C. F. H. Rumbold, a prisoner of war.

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), Lieutenant Gregor Macgregor, from 2nd Volunteer Battalion Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), in succession to Lieutenant F. L. S. Clarke, transferred to Indian Staff Corps.

The South Staffordshire Regiment, Second Lieutenant Edward Shaw Morrison, from 1st Volunteer Battalion the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, in succession to Lieutenant E. C. P. Bridges, promoted.

The Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment), Second Lieutenant John Sydney Cunningham, from 1st Volunteer Battalion the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), on augmentation.

The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment), Second Lieutenant Frank Watt Applegate, from 1st Wiltshire Volunteer Rifle Corps, in succession to Lieutenant F. W. Stoddart, seconded.

The West India Regiment, Second Lieutenant John Lamont, from 1st Dumbartonshire Volunteer Rifle Corps, in succession to Lieutenant F. L. Blossie, promoted.

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

Henry Clerke Brown, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 30th April, 1900.

RATE FOR TELEGRAMS TO ASCENSION AND ST. HELENA.

THE Rate for Telegrams to Ascension and St. Helena, whether forwarded by the routes of the Eastern Telegraph Company or the Direct Spanish Telegraph Company, or *via* France, is 4s. per word.

TENDERS FOR LOANS ON TREASURY BILLS.

1. THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Tuesday, the 8th May, at one o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Acts 40 Vic., cap. 2, and 52 Vic., cap. 6, to the amount of £2,000,000, in replacement of Bills falling due on the 15th May.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £1,000, £5,000, or £10,000. They will be dated the 15th May, 1900, and will be payable at three months, or six months, or twelve months, after date (at the option of the persons tendering), viz. :—on the 15th August, 1900, or 15th November, 1900, or 15th May, 1901, respectively.

3. *The Tenders must specify the net amount per cent. which will be given for the amounts applied for; and the Tenders of private individuals must be made through a London Banker.*

4. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

5. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same on Wednesday, the 9th May, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England not later than three o'clock, on Tuesday, the 15th May.

6. The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers, April 30, 1900.

WILD BIRD (ENGLAND).

The Wild Birds Protection (County of Essex) Order, 1900.

Dated 3rd May, 1900.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1896, and upon application by the County Council of the Administrative County of Essex, I hereby make the following Order :—

Title.

I. This Order may be cited as "The Wild Birds Protection (County of Essex) Order, 1900."

BIRDS.

Close Time varied.

II. The time during which the killing or taking of Wild Birds is prohibited within the county of Essex shall be varied so as to be from the 15th day of March to the 15th day of August in each year, both days inclusive.

Additions to the Schedule of the Act of 1880.

III. The provisions of the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, shall apply within so much of the County of Essex as is within the Metropolitan Police District to the following Wild Birds in the same manner as if those Birds were included in the Schedule to the Act :—

Wryneck (Cuckoo's Mate or Snake Bird), Swallow, Martins (*Hirundo urbica*, *Hirundo riparia*), Swift, Bearded Tit (Reedling or Reed Pheasant), Kestrel, Merlin, Hobby, Buzzard, Honey Buzzard, Osprey, Magpie, Shrikes (*Lanius colluria*, *Lanius minor*, *Lanius excubitor*).

The Kingfisher protected during the whole of the Year.

IV. During the period from the 16th day of August in any year, to the 14th day of March following, both days inclusive, the killing or taking of the Kingfisher is prohibited throughout the County of Essex.

Certain Birds protected during the whole of the Year.

V. During the period from the 16th day of August in any year to the 14th day of March following, both days inclusive, the killing or taking of the following kinds of Wild Birds is prohibited throughout the County of Essex :—

Nightingale, Goldfinch, Lark, Nightjar, Green Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Kingfisher, Cuckoo, Barn Owl, Tawny Owl, Long Eared Owl, Short Eared Owl, Kestrel, Buzzard, Honey Buzzard, Merlin, Hobby, Osprey, Wryneck (Cuckoo's Mate or Snake Bird), Swallow, Sand Martin, House Martin, Swift, Bearded Tit (Reedling or Reed Pheasant), Shrikes, Magpie, Wheatear, Stonechat, Whinchat, Red Start, Fly Catchers, Sedge Warbler, Reed Warbler, Black Cap, Garden Warbler, Wood Warbler, Willow Warbler, Chiff Chaff, White Throat, Lesser White Throat, Long Tailed Tit, Nuthatch, Wren, Golden Crested Wren, Pied Wagtail, Yellow Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, Hawfinch, Linnets, Common Bunting, Snow Bunting, Landrail or Corncrake, Coot, Chaffinch, Tree Creeper.

Certain Districts exempted from the operation of the foregoing Clause.

VI. I hereby exempt from the portion of this Order numbered V, the whole County of Essex, except the portion lying within the Metropolitan Police District, and except the parishes of Epping, Epping Upland, Theydon Bois, Theydon Garnon, and Lambourne.

All Birds protected on Sundays in certain Parishes.

VII. During the period from the 16th day of