And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do by these presents give and grant unto you, or any five or more of you, full power to call before you such persons as you shall judge likely to afford you any information upon the subject of this Our Commission; and also to call for, have access to and examine all such books, documents, registers, and records as may afford you the fullest information on the subject, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And We do, by these presents, authorize and empower you, or any five or more of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem it expedient so to inspect for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid, and to employ such persons as you may think fit to assist you in conducting any inquiry which you may hold.

And We do further by these presents will and ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you Our said Commissioners, or any five or more of you, may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

And We do further ordain that you, or any five or more of you, have linerty to report your proceedings under this Our Commission from time to time if you shall judge it expedient so to do.

And Our further will and pleasure is that you do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us under your hand, and seals, or under the hands and seals of any five or more of you, your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

And for the purpose of aiding you in your inquiries, We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved William Russell, Esquire, Barristerat-Law, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, the twenty-sixth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and one, in the first year of Our Reign.

> By His Majesty's Command, Chas. T. Ritchie.

Master of the Horse's Office, Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace, December 31, 1901.

THE King has been pleased to appoint The Lord Marcus Talbot De la Poer Beresford, M.V.O., to be an Extra Equerry to His Majesty, and to be Manager of His Majesty's Thoroughbred Stud.

Downing Street, December 30, 1901.

THE King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Charles Stringer, Esq., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements.

Admiralty, 27th December, 1901.

Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Captain Harry Douglas Farquharson, from Seconded List, is absorbed in the Establishment of Captains. Dated 1st January, 1902.

Royal Marine Artillery.

Captain John Brough is seconded for service as

Assistant to the Professor of Fortification. Royal Naval College. Dated 1st January, 1902.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, December 30, 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that the South Africa Medals and Clasps for the Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines who were serving on board the undermentioned ships during the periods named below, are now ready for issue :--

- "Barracouta" (first commission), from 26th
- September, 1900, to 23rd October, 1900. "Rambler," from 5th November, 1899, to 27th June, 1900.

Applications should be made by letter, to be addressed "On Medal Business," to the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, London, S.W. Petty Officers, Seamen, and Marines who have left the Service are required to forward their certificates of service with their applications.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Chester.

- The Honourable Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 24th December, 1901.
- Lord Arthur Hugh Grosvenor to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 24th December, 1901.
- Edward Chapman, Esq., M.P., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 24th December, 1901.
- Sir Philip Henry Brian Grey Egerton, Bart., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 24th December, 1901.
- Colonel Walter Richard Lascelles to be Deputy Dated 24th December, 1901. Lieutenant.
- James Tomkinson, Esq., M.P., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 24th December, 1901.
- Colonel William Bromley Davenport, M.P., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 24th December, 1901.
- Colonel George Dixon to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 24th December, 1901.
- John Sutherland Harmood Banner, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 24th December, 1901.
- Colonel Piers Egerton Warburton to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 24th December, 1901.
- Thomas Brocklebank, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 24th December, 1901.

WILD BIRD (ENGLAND).

The Wild Birds Protection (County of Berks) Order, 1901.

Dated 27th December, 1901.

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 Berks, I hereby make the following Order :-

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I. This Order may be cited as "The Wild Birds Protection (County of Berks) Order, 1901."

BIRDS.

Additions to the Schedule of the Act of 1880.

II. The provisions of the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, shall apply within the County of Berks to the following species of Wild Birds in the same manner as if those species were included in the Schedule to the Act :---Bearded Titmouse, Harrier, Hobby, Honey

Buzzard, Kite, Merlin.