

Whitehall, March 16, 1909.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 16th instant, to appoint Captain Cecil Francis de Lys Eardley-Wilmot to be one of the Commissioners under the Prison Act, 1877, in the room of Robert Sidney Mitford, Esq., C.B., resigned.

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The Right Honourable Herbert John Gladstone, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has appointed John Raymond Farewell, Esq., Governor of His Majesty's Prison at Portland, to be an Inspector of Prisons under the provisions of the Prison Acts, 1865 to 1902.

WILD BIRD (ENGLAND).

The Wild Birds Protection (County of Chester) Order, 1909.

Dated 13th March, 1909.

In pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1908, and upon application by the County Council of the Administrative County of Chester, I hereby make the following Order:—

Title.

I, This Order may be cited as "The Wild Birds Protection (County of Chester) Order, 1909."

BIRDS.

Close Time Extended.

II. The time during which the killing or taking of Wild Birds or any of them, is prohibited by the Act of 1880, shall be extended, throughout the County of Chester, so as to be between the 1st day of March and the 13th day of August in any year.

Additions to the Schedule of the Act of 1880.

III. The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, as extended by Clause II of this Order shall apply within the whole of the County of Chester to the Heron and Kestrel as if those species were included in the Schedule to the Act.

Other Additions to the Schedule of the Act of 1880.

IV. The Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, as extended by Clause II of this Order, shall apply within the area named in Clause V of this Order to the following species of Wild Birds as if those species were included in the Schedule to the Act:—

Common Bunting, Reed Bunting, Chiffchaff, Spotted Flycatcher, Meadow Pipit (Titlark), Red-backed Shrike, Missel Thrush, Wagtail (all species), Blackcap Warbler, Garden Warbler, Grasshopper Warbler, Sedge Warbler, Wood Warbler, Wheatear, Whinchat, Golden-crested Wren.

All Birds Protected during the Whole of the Year within a Certain Area (Market-Garden Lands excepted).

V. During that period of the year to which the protection afforded by the Wild Birds Protection

Act, 1880 (as extended by Clause II of this Order), does not apply, the killing or taking of Wild Birds is prohibited within the under-mentioned area:—

The portion of the Hundred of Wirral embracing the low-lying lands and sandhills situate between the estuaries of the Rivers Dee and Mersey, of which the boundaries shall commence to the south at a point of the main highway of the county of Chester 200 yards to the west of the Dock Cottages near "Docks" Railway Station of the Wirral Railway, run along the main highway to Bidston Village, and then turn in a northerly direction and run to Bidston Railway Station of the same railway, then turn in a westerly direction and run along the Wirral Railway until it reaches the Meols Station of such railway, then run along the highway near to the Meols Railway Station in a northerly direction to the Irish Sea, then on the north along the margin of high-water mark of the Irish Sea to a point at New Brighton where the Yellow Noses joins the said Irish Sea, and then run in a southerly direction to "Warren Drive" or road, and along "Warren Drive" to the most northerly house and grounds on the west side of such drive, then along the western boundary of the houses and premises situate along the western side of such drive or road to a point 100 yards or so from Grove-road, then turning in a westerly direction along the northern boundaries of the houses and premises in Grove-road, Wallasey, until it reaches the Wirral Railway, then turning in a southerly direction along the Wirral Railway until it reaches the Wallasey Marsh, then along the edge of the marsh in a southerly direction until it reaches the Poulton Halfpenny Bridge, then turning in a westerly direction on the edge of the said marsh until it reaches along the edge of the marsh the main highway leading from Poulton to Meols.

Provided that such parts of the area aforesaid as are market-garden lands are excepted from the operation of this Clause and of Clauses IV and XI of this Order.

The area aforesaid (except market-garden lands, which are left uncoloured) is coloured pink and outlined in red on a map sealed with the seal of the Secretary of State, dated the 13th March, 1909, and deposited in the office of the County Council.

Further Protection for all Birds.

VI. During that period of the year to which the protection afforded by the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880 (as extended by Clause II of this Order), does not apply, the killing or taking of Wild Birds is prohibited in such portions of the Rivers Dee and Mersey as are within the district of the Administrative County of Chester.

Additional Protection for the Gull and Tern.

VII. During that period of the year to which the protection afforded by the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880 (as extended by Clause II of this Order), does not apply, the killing or taking of the Gull and Tern is prohibited throughout the County of Chester.

Certain Districts Exempted from the Operation of Clause VII.

VIII. I hereby exempt from the operation of Clause VII of this Order so much of the County of Chester as does not lie within the parishes of Puddington, Burton, Ness, Neston-cum-Parkgate, Gayton, Heswall-cum-Oldfield, Thurston, and