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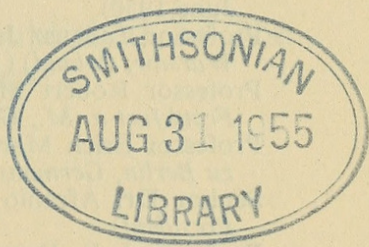
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DIRECTION 20

ADDITION OF A NOTE TO THE ENTRY ON THE “OFFICIAL LIST OF GENERIC NAMES IN ZOOLOGY” RELATING TO THE GENERIC NAME “OEDICNEMUS” TEMMINCK, 1815 (CLASS AVES) (“DIRECTION” SUPPLEMENTARY TO “OPINION” 67)

RULING.—(1) The following note is hereby added to the entry relating to the generic name *Oedicnemus* Temminck, 1815 (Class Aves) on the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology* made by the Ruling given in *Opinion 67* :—“ This name is placed on the *Official List* for use by any specialist who may consider that the type species of the nominal genus so named is not congeneric with the type species of the genus *Burhinus* Illiger, 1811 ”.

(2) The under-mentioned specific names are hereby placed on the *Official List of Specific Names in Zoology* with the Name Nos. 547 and 548 respectively :—

- (a) *magnirostris* Latham, 1801, as published in the combination *Charadrius magnirostris* (specific name of type species of *Burhinus* Illiger, 1811) ;
- (b) *oedicnemus* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the combination *Charadrius oedicnemus*.

I. THE STATEMENT OF THE CASE

When in 1945, Mr. Francis Hemming, as Secretary, was engaged on a survey of the entries so far made on the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology*, he found that the generic

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name *Oedicnemus* Temminck, 1815 (Class Aves) which had been placed on the foregoing *List* by the Ruling given in *Opinion* 67 was currently regarded by ornithologists as a junior subjective synonym of the name *Burhinus* Illiger, 1811, which had also been placed on the *Official List* in the same *Opinion*. Accordingly in August 1951, Mr. Hemming prepared for the consideration of the Commission a paper drawing attention to the fact that in a case of this kind the Commission was faced with two alternatives, namely (1) it could remove the later published of the two generic names in question from the *Official List*; (2) it could leave that name on the *Official List* but add to the entry on the *List* relating to that name a note that it was placed on the *List* for use by those specialists who took the taxonomic view that the type species of the two genera concerned were not congeneric with one another, this procedure being, as Mr. Hemming recalled, that which had been adopted by the Commission when dealing with the generic names of the human malaria parasites (*Plasmodium*, *Laverania*)¹. At this point Mr. Hemming consulted Colonel Richard Meinertzhagen (*London*) as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Ornithological Nomenclature established by the International Ornithological Congress at its meeting held at Uppsala in 1950. Colonel Meinertzhagen replied on 2nd September 1951, that he had taken a vote of the Standing Committee on this subject which, by a majority, was in favour of the adoption of the first of the two courses indicated above, namely the removal of the generic name *Oedicnemus* Temminck from the *Official List*. On receiving this notification, Mr. Hemming completed his paper for the Commission by adding a paragraph giving particulars of the consultation held with the Standing Committee on Ornithological Nomenclature and putting forward for consideration the proposal for the removal of the name *Oedicnemus* Temminck from the *Official List* submitted by that

¹ The case of the generic names *Plasmodium* and *Laverania* was first dealt with by the Commission in *Opinion* 104. Later, it was found that there were so many errors in the Ruling given in that *Opinion* that the only practicable course was to cancel that Ruling and to substitute a revised Ruling in its place. This was done by the Ruling given in *Opinion* 283 (1954, *Ops. Decls. int. Comm. zool. Nomencl.* 7). In this *Opinion* the Commission retained the device of adding a special note to the entry relating to the name *Laverania* originally adopted in *Opinion* 104.

body. The application so completed was submitted to the Commission on 29th January 1952. It was as follows :—

Suggested review of the entries on the “ Official List of Generic Names in Zoology ” relating to the names “ Oedictes ” Temminck, 1815, and “ Burhinus ” Illiger, 1811 (Class Aves)

By FRANCIS HEMMING, C.M.G., C.B.E.

(Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature)

In the course of the routine checking of the entries made in the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology* undertaken as part of the preparations for the publication of the first instalment of the *Official List* in book-form, I encountered an anomaly in regard to the names of two genera in the Class Aves, which calls for further consideration by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature. The facts of this case are accordingly now laid before the Commission for decision.

2. The names with which the present application is concerned were both placed on the *Official List of Opinion* 67 (1916, *Smithson. Publ.* 2409 : 175—182). The names in question are :—

- (1) *Burhinus* Illiger, 1811, *Prodr. Syst. Mamm. Avium* : 250 (type species, by monotypy : *Charadrius magnirostris* Latham, 1801, *Index ornith. Suppl.* : lxvi) (Name No. 30)
- (2) *Oedictes* Temminck, 1815, *Manuel Ornith.* : 321 (type species, by monotypy : *Oedictes crepitans* Temminck, 1815, *Manuel Ornith.* : 322 (stated in *Opinion* 67 to be the same species as *Charadrius oedictes* Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10) 1 : 151) (Name No. 76).

3. Both the above names are available names in the sense that neither (1) is a junior homonym of an older generic name consisting of the same word nor (2) has, as its type species, a species which is also the type species of another nominal genus of older date.

4. The difficulty which arises in the present case is of a taxonomic character, for, according to Peters (J.L.) (1934, *Check-List Birds World* 2 : 293—297) the taxonomic species represented by the nominal species *Oedictes crepitans* Temminck, 1815 (= *Charadrius oedictes* Linnaeus, 1758), the type species of *Oedictes* Temminck, 1815, is congeneric with the taxonomic species represented by the nominal species *Charadrius magnirostris* Latham, 1801, the type species of the genus *Burhinus* Illiger, 1811. According to this taxonomic view, the nominal genera *Oedictes* Temminck, 1815, and *Burhinus* Illiger, 1811, are subjectively identical with one another, and the name *Oedictes* Temminck, 1815, is a junior subjective synonym of the name *Burhinus* Illiger, 1811.

5. The purpose of the *Official List* is to give formal official recognition to generic names which are not only nomenclatorially available names but are also, in the opinion of specialists in the group concerned, the names of taxonomically valid genera. It is quite inappropriate that a name that is universally regarded by specialists as a subjective junior synonym of another name should find a place on the *Official List*. Clearly, therefore, any such name which by an oversight has been placed on the *Official List* should be removed therefrom. Accordingly, the name *Oedictes* Temminck, 1815, should now be removed from the *Official List*, if ornithologists generally are agreed that the nominal genera *Oedictes* Temminck, 1815, and *Burhinus* Illiger, 1811, as defined by their respective type species, are taxonomically identical with one another. If, however, specialists were not agreed on this subject, some recognising the genus *Oedictes* Temminck as the name of a taxonomically valid genus in addition to so recognising the name *Burhinus* Illiger, the most suitable solution would be to leave the name *Oedictes* Temminck on the *Official List*, but to add to the entry relating to that name a note stating that this name has been placed on the *Official List* for use by specialists who may consider that the type species of this genus is generically distinct from the type species of the genus *Burhinus* Illiger. It will be recalled that a procedure of this kind was deliberately adopted by the International Commission in *Opinion* 104, when dealing with the names of the genera published for the human malaria parasites (the generic name *Laverania* being then placed on the *Official List* with a note of the kind indicated above, in addition to the older name *Plasmodium* Marchiafava & Celli, 1885), and that the Thirteenth International Congress of Zoology expressly enjoined the International Commission to follow this course when considering the addition to the *Official List* of names which were available and well known but not accepted by all specialists as being taxonomically required (1950, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 4 : 237). It will be appreciated that this procedure serves the twofold purpose of stabilising well-known names, without, in cases where specialists are divided on the question of the taxonomic status of allied nominal genera, involving the International Commission in expressing or implying (through the *Official List*) any view on the taxonomic issue involved.

6. The International Ornithological Congress at its meeting held at Uppsala in 1950 appointed a Standing Committee on Ornithological Nomenclature to co-operate with the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, on questions affecting the names of birds ; it appeared to me, therefore, that it would be helpful to seek the views of the Standing Committee on the question whether the name *Oedictes* Temminck, 1815, should be removed from the *Official List* or alternatively whether it should be retained thereon, subject to the addition of a note that this name had been placed on the *List* for use only by authors who considered that the taxonomic species represented by the nominal species *Oedictes crepitans* Temminck, 1815, was generically distinct from that represented by *Charadrius magnirostris*

Latham, 1801, the type species of *Burhinus* Illiger, 1811. I accordingly asked Colonel Richard Meinertzhagen, Chairman of the Standing Committee, if he would be so good as to obtain the views of his Committee on the relative merits of the alternative courses set out above. Colonel Meinertzhagen kindly consented to put this matter to the Standing Committee and on 2nd September, 1951, wrote me the following letter : " I have consulted the Standing Committee on Ornithological Nomenclature on the names *Oedictornis* and *Burhinus* with reference to the *Official List*. M. Berlioz has not replied, but I am taking a majority vote by which we are agreed that *Oedictornis* Temminck, 1815, should be sunk to *Burhinus* Illiger, 1811, the respective type species being congeneric."

7. In view of the consensus of opinion regarding the relative status of the two nominal genera concerned and of the recommendation received from the Standing Committee on Ornithological Nomenclature, I submit, for consideration, the proposal that the name *Oedictornis* Temminck, 1815, should now be removed from the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology*.

II. THE SUBSEQUENT HISTORY OF THE CASE

2. Registration of the present application : Upon the receipt of Mr. Hemming's application, the question of the action to be taken in regard to the entry on the *Official List* of the generic name *Oedictornis* Temminck, 1815, was allotted the Registered Number Z.N.(S.) 591.

3. Publication of the present application : The present application was sent to the printer on 30th January 1952 and was published on 15th October of that year in Triple Part 1/3 of volume 9 of the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* (Hemming, 1952, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 9 : 86—88).

4. Issue of Public Notices : The Part of the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* in which the present application was published was entirely devoted to applications concerned with the names of birds, a considerable number of which, unlike the present case, involved the possible use by the Commission of its Plenary Powers. In view of the fact that this group of applications constituted the first move to promote stability in ornithological nomenclature taken by the Commission for many years, it was

decided that exceptional measures should be taken to bring the applications concerned prominently to the attention of ornithologists in all parts of the world. Accordingly, Public Notice of the possible use by the Commission of its Plenary Powers in those cases where such action had been asked for was given not only (a) in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*, (b) to the other prescribed serial publications, and (c) to the general zoological serial publications to which in addition Public Notice of such applications is customarily given, but also (d) to fourteen specialist serials or institutions concerned with ornithology. Further, the Public Notice so given included also particulars of the cases of ornithological nomenclature published in the foregoing Part of the *Bulletin* which did not involve the use of the Commission's Plenary Powers. Under the procedure described above, Public Notice of the present application was given to the following fourteen serial publications and institutions :—

- (1) Alauda, Paris
- (2) Ardea, The Netherlands
- (3) Auk, U.S.A.
- (4) Bombay Natural History Society, India
- (5) Condor, U.S.A.
- (6) Gerfaut, Brussels
- (7) Ibis, England
- (8) Limosa, The Netherlands
- (9) Naturhistoriska Museum, Stockholm (Count Nils Gyldenstolpe)
- (10) L'Oiseau
- (11) Ornis Fennica, Finland
- (12) Ornithologie, Journal f., Germany
- (13) Ostrich, Natal
- (14) Vidensk. Medd. fra Dansk. naturn. Foren, Denmark.

5. General support received for the present and other applications relating to ornithological nomenclature published in Triple Part 1/3 of volume 9 of the "Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature" : General support for the action proposed for the promotion of stability in ornithological nomenclature in the applications published in Triple Part 1/3 of volume 9 of the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* was received from thirty-six (36) ornithological institutions, groups of ornithologists and individual specialists. One specialist expressed opposition on grounds of

principle to all those of the applications concerned which, unlike the present application, involved the use by the Commission of its Plenary Powers. The communications so received will be published in due course in connection with the *Opinion* setting out the decision of the Commission in regard to the generic name *Colymbus* Linnaeus. For the purpose of the present *Direction* it has been judged sufficient to give the names of the institutions and individuals from whom the communications in question were received. These were the following :—

- (1) Erwin Stresemann (*Zoologisches Museum, Humboldt-Universität, Berlin*)
- (2) G. Diesselhorst (*Leiter der Ornith. Abteilung, Zoologische Sammlung des Bayerischen Staates, München, Germany*)
- (3) Ernst Schüz (*Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde in Stuttgart, Germany*)
- (4) K. H. Voous (*Curator of Birds, Zoologisch Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*)
- (5) Scottish Ornithological Club, forty-three members of
- (6) Count Nils Gyldenstolpe (*Naturhistoriska Museum, Stockholm*)
- (7) R. Kuhk (*Vogelwarte Radolfzell der Max-Planck-Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Wissenschaften, Bodensee*)
- (8) J. Steinbacher (*Forschungs-Institut und Natur-Museum Senckenberg, Frankfurt a. M.*)
- (9) G. Neithammer (*Zoologisches Forschungsinstitut und Museum Alexander Koenig Reichinstitut, Bonn*)
- (10) G. C. A. Junge (*Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie, Leiden*)
- (11) B. Rensch (*Zoologisches Institut der Westfälischen Landes-Universität Münster (Westf.), Germany*)
- (12) Danish Zoologists working on scientific ornithology (R. Spärck ; H. Volsø ; Finn Salomonsen ; Knud Paludan ; Holger Poulsen ; M. Degerbøl ; H. Johansen ; F. W. Braestrup ; B. Løppenthin ; V. Holstein)
- (13) R. Drost (*Vogelwarte Helgoland, Institut für Vogelforschung, Wilhelmshaven*)
- (14) Helmuth O. Wagner (*Direktor, Museum für Natur-, Völker- und Handelskunde, Bremen*)
- (15) Board of the Netherland Ornithological Society
- (16) Six British Zoologists (Miss Phyllis Barclay Smith ; R. S. Fitter ; Eric Simms ; Edward Hindle ; Sir Philip Manson Barr ; P. Hollom)
- (17) Jean Delacour (*Los Angeles County Museum, Los Angeles, Cal., U.S.A.*)
- (18) T. A. M. Jack (*London*)

- (19) E. H. Bromley (*Gosport, Hants, England*)
- (20) Ernst Mayr (then of the *American Museum of Natural History, New York*)
- (21) V. S. Edwards (*Newbury, Berks, England*)
- (22) W. M. Congreve (*Salisbury, Wilts, England*)
- (23) F. J. F. Barrington (*London*)
- (24) Ten Parasitologists interested in bird names from the point of view of the names of host species (G. H. E. Hopkins ; F. G. A. M. Smit ; Karl Jordan ; G. O. Evans ; E. Browning ; S. Prudhoe ; Hon. Miriam Rothschild ; N. Tebble ; Theresa Clay ; M. A. R. Ansari (*Institute of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Lahore*))
- (25) S. Allison (*Nottingham, England*)
- (26) Austin L. Rand (*Curator of Birds, Chicago Natural History Museum, Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.*)
- (27) S. Dillon Ripley (*Assistant Curator and Assistant Professor Yale University, Peabody Museum of Natural History, New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A.*)
- (28) Ruth G. Barnes (*Chippenham, Wilts, England*)
- (29) Vera Maynard (*Hassocks, Sussex, England*)
- (30) Guy Mountfort (*Secretary, British Ornithologists' Union*)
- (31) E. O. Höhn (*Associate Professor of Physiology, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada*)
- (32) A. W. Boyd (*Northwich, Cheshire, England*)
- (33) John C. S. Ellis (*Huddersfield, England*)
- (34) J. M. Winterbottom (*South African Ornithological Society, Cape Town, Union of South Africa*)
- (35) Theed Pearse (*Comox, Vancouver Is., B.C., Canada*)
- (36) Swedish Ornithological Association, Committee of

6. Particular comments received in regard to the present application : In addition to the letters of general support enumerated in the preceding paragraph, two communications dealing expressly with the present case were received after its publication in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*. These letters were from :— (1) Colonel Richard Meinertzhagen (*London*), who supported the application ; (2) Dr. John T. Zimmer (*The American Museum of Natural History, New York*), who opposed the application. The communications so received are reproduced in the immediately following paragraphs.

7. Support received from Colonel Richard Meinertzhagen (London) : On 5th December 1952, Colonel Richard Meinertzhagen (*London*) addressed a letter to the Commission intimating his support for the present, and certain other, applications published in Triple Part 1/3 of volume 9 of the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*. The following is an extract of the relevant portion of Colonel Meinertzhagen's letter :—

I wish to register my wholehearted agreement with Recommendations Nos. . . . 13 to 17², . . . on ornithological nomenclature in the recently published part of the *Bulletin*.

8. Objection received from Dr. John T. Zimmer (The American Museum of Natural History, New York) : On 9th January 1953, Dr. John T. Zimmer (*The American Museum of Natural History, New York*) addressed a letter to the Commission commenting upon a number of the applications relating to ornithological nomenclature published in Triple Part 1/3 of volume 9 of the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* and, as regards the present application, objecting to the suggested removal of the generic name *Oedicnemus* Temminck from the *Official List*. The following is the relevant portion of Dr. Zimmer's letter :—

Certainly the original purpose of the *Official List* was to establish a fixed nomenclatorial standard for a group which would not be subject to alteration. Undoubtedly one purpose was to resolve otherwise insoluble questions of priority and usage in favor of one side or the other in the dispute, but it also served, and serves, to make the listed names permanent regardless of all evidence that might otherwise exist. Without this permanence, the *Official List* loses all standing and utility.

Even where differences of opinion occur as to the validity of a group as an entity distinct from some other, as in the case of *Burhinus* and *Oedicnemus*, the name on the *Official List* remains valid as long as the group is recognised or whenever it is revived from submergence. *Oedicnemus*, therefore, should not be removed from the *List*. Such action is an invasion of a scientific field other than that of nomenclature.

² The present application was here referred to by Colonel Meinertzhagen under the number "15" allotted to it in the list of papers on ornithological nomenclature given on the wrapper (cover) to Triple Part 1/3 of volume 9 of the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*.

9. Issue of V.P.(54)76 : On 14th May 1954, a Voting Paper (V.P.(54)76) was issued in which particulars were given of the support and objection received in the present case and in which the Members of the Commission were asked to vote for, or against, the proposal submitted by the Secretary on the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Ornithological Nomenclature that the name *Oediconemus* Temminck should be removed from the *Official List* (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 9 : 88, paragraph 7).

10. Withdrawal of Voting Paper V.P.(54)76 and submission of revised proposals : During the early stages of the Prescribed Voting Period for Voting Paper V.P.(54)76 it became apparent that several of the Members of the Commission were of the opinion that the best way of dealing with the present case would be to follow the precedent previously set in the case of the generic name *Laverania* which, as explained in paragraph 5 of the present application, had been placed on the *Official List* with a note that it was so placed for use by those workers who, contrary to the view of many other specialists, considered that the type species of this genus was generically distinct from the type species of the older nominal genus *Plasmodium*. In order to permit of a direct vote on this solution, the Secretary on 24th May 1954 executed a Minute withdrawing Voting Paper V.P.(54)76. On the same day the Secretary prepared a note for the consideration of the Commission in which, after recalling the main features of the present case and explaining the preference which, since the issue of the foregoing Voting Paper, had been expressed by certain members of the Commission for a solution on the lines of the *Laverania/Plasmodium* precedent, he submitted for the consideration of the Commission the drafts of two alternative decisions, namely : Alternative "A" under which the name *Oediconemus* Temminck would be retained on the *Official List*, subject to the entry thereon of an explanatory note regarding this name ; Alternative "B", under which the name *Oediconemus* Temminck would be removed from the *Official List*. The alternative drafts so prepared were as follows :—

Alternative "A"

(Retention of *Oediconemus* on the *Official List* subject to the insertion on the *List* of an explanatory note)

DRAFT RULING : (1) The following note is hereby added to the entry relating to the generic name *Oediconemus* Temminck, 1815, on

the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology* made under the Ruling given in *Opinion 67* :—" This name is placed on the *Official List* for use by any specialist who may consider that the type species of the nominal genus so named is not congeneric with the type species of the genus *Burhinus* Illiger, 1811 ".

(2) The undermentioned specific names are hereby placed on the *Official List of Specific Names in Zoology* : (a) *magnirostris* Latham, 1801, as published in the combination *Charadrius magnirostris* (specific name of type species of *Burhinus* Illiger, 1811) ; (b) *oedictornis* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the combination *Charadrius oedictornis*.

Alternative "B"

(Removal of the name *Oedictornis* Temminck from the *Official List*)

DRAFT RULING : (1) The Ruling given in *Opinion 67* placing the generic name *Oedictornis* Temminck, 1815, on the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology* is hereby cancelled and that name is accordingly removed from the *Official List*.

(2) The undermentioned specific names are hereby placed on the *Official List of Specific Names in Zoology* :—(a) *magnirostris* Latham, 1801, as published in the combination *Charadrius magnirostris* (specific name of type species of *Burhinus* Illiger, 1811) ; (b) *oedictornis* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the combination *Charadrius oedictornis*.

III. THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

11. Issue of Voting Paper V.P.(54)76 Revise : On 31st May 1954, a Voting Paper (V.P.(54)76 Revise) was issued in which the Members of the Commission were invited to vote either " for Alternative 'A' set out at the foot of the note by the Secretary submitted herewith (retention of *Oedictornis* Temminck on the *Official List*, subject to the insertion of an explanatory note) or Alternative 'B' (removal of the name *Oedictornis* Temminck from the *Official List*) ". The draft proposals here referred to as Alternatives 'A' and 'B' are those which have been reproduced in paragraph 10 of the present *Direction*.

12. The Prescribed Voting Period : As the foregoing Voting Paper was issued under the Three-Month Rule, the Prescribed Voting Period closed on 31st August, 1954.

13. Particulars of the Voting on Voting Paper V.P.(54)76 Revise : At the close of the Prescribed Voting Period, the state of the voting on Voting Paper V.P.(54)76 Revise was as follows :—

(a) *In favour of Alternative "A" (retention of "Oedicornemus" Temminck on the "Official List", subject to the addition of an explanatory note), seventeen (17) Commissioners :*

Riley ; Lemche ; Holthuis ; Bonnet ; Boschma ; Vokes ; Bradley (J.C.) ; Esaki ; Dymond ; Hering ; Hemming ; do Amaral ; Sylvester-Bradley ; Stoll ; Pearson³ ; Jaczewski ; Hankó ;

(b) *In favour of Alternative "B" (removal of "Oedicornemus" Temminck from the "Official List"), one (1) Commissioner :*

Mertens ;

(c) *Voting Papers not returned, one (1) :*

Cabrera.

14. Declaration of Result of Vote : On 1st September 1954, Mr. Hemming, Secretary to the International Commission, acting as Returning Officer for the Vote taken on Voting Paper V.P.(54)76 Revise, signed a Certificate that the Votes cast were as set out in paragraph 13 above and declaring that the proposal submitted in the foregoing Voting Paper had been duly adopted

³ Commissioner Pearson exercised in this case the right conferred by the Thirteenth International Congress of Zoology in Paris, 1948, under which a Commissioner may, if he so desires, signify his willingness to support the view, or the majority view, of other members of the Commission (1950, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 4 : 50—51).

and that the decision so taken was the decision of the International Commission in the matter aforesaid.

15. Preparation of the Ruling given in the present “ Direction ” : On 11th April 1955, Mr. Hemming prepared the Ruling given in the present *Direction* and at the same time signed a Certificate that the terms of that Ruling were in complete accord with those of the proposal approved by the International Commission in its Vote on Voting Paper V.P.(54)76 Revise.

16. Original References : The following are the original references for the names placed on the *Official List of Specific Names in Zoology* by the Ruling given in the present *Direction* :

magnirostris, Charadrius, Latham, 1801, *Index ornith. Suppl.* :
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oedicnemus, Charadrius, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10) **1** :
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17. Family-Group Names : Since the only names placed on *Official Lists* by the Ruling given in the present *Direction* are specific names, no family-group-name problem arises in the present case.

18. At the time of the submission of the application dealt with in the present *Direction*, the expression prescribed for the second portion of the binomen which constitutes the scientific name of a species was the expression “ trivial name ” and the *Official List* reserved for recording such names was styled the *Official List of Specific Trivial Names in Zoology*, the word “ trivial ” appearing also in the title of the *Official Index* reserved for recording rejected and invalid names of this category. Under a decision taken by the Fourteenth International Congress of Zoology, Copenhagen, 1953, the expression “ specific name ” was substituted for the expression “ trivial name ” and corresponding changes were made in the titles of the *Official List* and *Official Index* of such names (1953, *Copenhagen Decisions zool. Nomencl.* : 21). The changes in terminology so adopted have been incorporated in the Ruling given in the present *Direction*.

19. The prescribed procedures were duly complied with by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature in dealing with the present case, and the present *Direction* is accordingly hereby rendered in the name of the said International Commission by the under-signed Francis Hemming, Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, in virtue of all and every the powers conferred upon him in that behalf.

20. The present *Direction* shall be known as *Direction Twenty* (20) of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature.

DONE in London, this Eleventh day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Five.

*Secretary to the International Commission
on Zoological Nomenclature*

FRANCIS HEMMING



International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature. 1955. "Direction 20 Addition of a Note to the entry on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology relating to the generic name *Oedicronemus* Temminck, 1815 (class Aves) (Direction supplementary to Opinion 67)." *Opinions and declarations rendered by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature* 1C, 145–160.

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