

3. That to prevent the contamination of springs of water, every grave which shall be made or dug in the said burial ground shall be covered at the bottom thereof with quicklime of an uniform thickness of three inches at the least, upon which covering of lime the coffin containing the corpse, which shall be buried or deposited in such grave, shall be placed.

4. That not more than one corpse shall be buried or deposited in any grave, and every grave in which any corpse shall be buried or deposited shall be filled up to the level of the ordinary surface of the said burial ground immediately upon the corpse being buried or deposited therein, and no further burial shall take place in the same grave, nor shall any other corpse be deposited therein.

5. That no corpse shall be buried or deposited in any grave in the said burial ground at a less distance than two feet and six inches from any other grave, such distance to be computed from that part of the coffin containing such corpse which is nearest to such other grave.

6. That no corpse shall be buried or deposited in any grave in the said burial ground in which after the burial or deposit thereof there shall not be at least five feet of earth remaining between the ordinary surface of the said burial ground and the upper part of the coffin in which such corpse shall be contained.

7. Provided always, that the foregoing directions and regulations, which are respectively numbered 3, 4, 5, and 6, shall not apply to burials in stone or brick graves, vaults, or catacombs.

8. That no corpse shall be deposited in any stone or brick grave, vault, or catacomb, in the said burial ground, or in any vault or receptacle connected therewith, unless such corpse shall be enclosed in a coffin made of, or lined with lead of the weight of at least six pounds to every superficial square foot, and of the thickness throughout of one-tenth of an inch, nor unless such coffin or lining be soldered up, or otherwise secured so as to be perfectly air-tight.

9. That if in making or digging any grave in the said burial ground, or in opening any part of the said burial ground for any purpose whatever, any human bone, or other part of a human body, or any coffin, or portion of a coffin shall be found, or become visible, the earth that shall have been disturbed by such making, digging, or opening shall be forthwith filled in and covered with quicklime to the depth of at least three inches, in addition to the uniform thickness of lime with which the surface of the said burial ground is hereinbefore ordered to be covered.

10. That no grave shall be made or dug, nor shall the ground, for any purpose or upon any pretence, be opened in any part of the said burial ground where a corpse has been buried or deposited within ten years now last past.

And we do further order and direct that this Order shall take effect on the day of the date hereof, and the works and matters above specified shall continue to be done, acted upon, and executed by you, the said Churchwardens and other persons (if any) until further or other Order be made in relation to the premises.

Given under our hands, and under the seal of the General Board of Health, in Great Britain, this 27th day of October 1849.



(Signed) *Edwin Chadwick.*  
*T. Southwood Smith.*

*To the Town Council of the borough of Leicester; and to all else whom it may concern.*

Whereas by the Act eleventh and twelfth Victoria, cap. 123, intituled "An Act to renew and amend an Act of the tenth year of Her present Majesty for the more speedy removal of certain nuisances," and by virtue of an Order of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, bearing date the 25th day of September 1849, directing that the provisions of the said Act be continued in force throughout the whole of Great Britain; We, the General Board of Health, are authorized to issue such directions and regulations as the said Board shall think fit for the prevention as far as possible, or mitigation of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases;

And whereas it is provided in the 5th section of the aforesaid recited Act "That nothing hereinbefore contained shall apply to any district, parish, or place in which the Public Health Act, 1848, or any part thereof, shall be in force, unless and except in so far as the General Board of Health, by order in writing, sealed with the seal of such Board and signed by two or more members thereof, or (in case there be no such Board in existence), as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by order, in writing under his hand, shall otherwise direct;"

And whereas it appears to be expedient that the provisions of the said Act, and of the Nuisances' Removal and Diseases' Prevention Amendment Act, 1849, shall continue in force throughout the several parishes and places within the borough of Leicester, until the 1st day of January next; notwithstanding the application of the Public Health Act to Leicester;

We, the General Board of Health, do hereby order and declare that the various provisions and powers of the above-recited Removal of Nuisances' and Prevention of Contagious Diseases' Act, and of the Nuisances' Removal and Diseases' Prevention Amendment Act, 1849, shall remain in force within and throughout the several parishes and places within the said borough of Leicester, from and after the date of this present Order, until the 1st day of January 1850.

Given under our hands, and under the seal of the General Board of Health, in Great Britain, this 29th day of October 1849.



(Signed) *Edwin Chadwick.*  
*T. Southwood Smith.*

*To the Churchwardens of the parish of Saint Saviour, Southwark, in the county of Surrey; and to all other persons having the care and control of the Burial Ground hereinafter described.*

Whereas by the "Nuisances' Removal and Diseases' Prevention Act, 1848," it was enacted, that when any part of the United Kingdom should appear to be threatened by any formidable epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, or any three or more of them (the Lord President of the Council or one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State being one), might by Order or Orders to be by them made, direct