

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 1st day of *May*, 1854.

PRESENT.

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to amend the laws concerning the burial of the dead in England, beyond the limits of the metropolis, and to amend the Act concerning the burial of the dead in the metropolis;" it is enacted, that in case it appears to Her Majesty in Council, upon the representation of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, that, for the protection of the public health, the opening of any new burial-ground in any city or town, or within any other limits, save with the previous approval of one of such Secretaries of State, should be prohibited, or that burials in any city or town, or within any other limits, or in any burial-ground or places of burial, should be wholly discontinued, or should be discontinued subject to any exception or qualification; it shall be lawful for Her Majesty by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order that no new burial-ground shall be opened in any city or town, or within such limits, without such previous approval, or (as the case may require), that after a time mentioned in the Order, burials in such city or town, or within such limits, or in such burial-grounds or places of burial, shall be discontinued wholly, or subject to any exceptions or qualifications mentioned in such Order, and so from time to time, as circumstances may require; provided always, that notice of such representation, and of the time when it shall please Her Majesty to order that the same be taken into consideration by the Privy Council, shall be published in the *London Gazette*, and shall be affixed on the doors of the churches or chapels of, or on some other conspicuous places within, the parishes affected by such representation, one month before such representation is so considered; provided also, that no such representation shall be made in relation to the burial-ground of any parish until ten days' previous notice of the intention to make such representation, shall have been given to the Incumbent and Vestry Clerk or Churchwardens of such parish.

And whereas the Right Honourable Viscount Palmerston, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after giving to the Incumbents and the Churchwardens of the parishes hereinafter mentioned, ten days' previous notice of his intention to make such representation, has made a representation stating that, for the protection of the public health, no new burial-ground should be opened in the undermentioned places, without the consent of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and that burials should be discontinued therein, with the following modifications:

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by Her Order in Council of the ninth of March last, to give notice of such representation, and to order that the same be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on the twentieth day of April last, and such Order has been published in the *London Gazette*; and copies thereof have been affixed on the doors of the churches or chapels of, or on some conspicuous places within, the parishes affected by such representation, one month before the said twentieth day of April.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that no new burial-ground shall be opened in the undermentioned places without the previous approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; and that burials in the said places be discontinued, with the following modifications, from and after the tenth day of May instant (except as is herein otherwise directed), viz.:

SHREWSBURY.—Burials to be wholly discontinued at once in *St. Mary's Church*, and from and after the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in *St. Mary's Churchyard*. In *St. Michael's Churchyard* (except in private vaults and graves), no more than one body to be buried in any grave, and burials to cease wholly therein from and after the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six. Burials to be discontinued in *St. Almond's Church* forthwith, and in the churchyard from and after the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five. Burials to be discontinued forthwith in *St. Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel* Burial-ground and within the chapel, in *Claremont-street Chapel* Burial-ground and the chapel, and in *Swan Hill Chapel* Burial-ground; and from and after the first of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in the *Quakers' Burial-ground*. Burials to be discontinued forthwith in *St. Julian's Church*, and from and after the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in the old and new churchyards. In the churchyard of *Trinity Coleham* (except in private vaults and graves), no more than one body to be buried in any grave; and burials to be wholly discontinued therein from and after the first January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six. Burials within *St. Giles's Church* to be wholly discontinued; no more than one body to be buried in any grave in *St. Giles's Churchyard*, and no burial to take place within twenty feet of the church. Burials to be wholly discontinued within the church and churchyard of *Holy Cross*.

Kew.—Burials underneath the parish church to be discontinued forthwith, and in the old portion of the parish burial-ground from and after the first of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

PETERSHAM.—Burials underneath the church, and in the churchyard within five yards of the church or the houses which adjoin the churchyard, to be forthwith discontinued; with the exception of family vaults and graves, only one body to be buried in each grave; and from and after the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, burials to be wholly discontinued in the churchyard.

PLYMOUTH.—Burials to be forthwith discontinued in the churches and churchyards of *St. Andrew* and of *Charles the Martyr*, in the burial-ground of *St. Andrew's parish* in *West Well-street*, in the *Presbyterian Chapel-yard* in *Batter-street*, and in the *Ebenezer Methodist Chapel-yard*, except in vaults in the open air, in which each coffin buried shall be imbedded in peat charcoal, and separately entombed in concrete or masonry.

C. C. Greville.