

in an air-tight manner, and except in graves not previously opened; no graves being re-opened except to bury the husbands or wives of those previously buried therein, nor unless they can be opened to the depth of five feet without exposing remains.

**LICHFIELD.**—In any vault or grave communicating with the *cathedral church* of Lichfield, in the church of *St. Chad*, otherwise *Stowe Church*, Lichfield, in *St. Michael's Church*, Lichfield, and in the chapel and burial-ground of *St. John's Hospital*, in the city of Lichfield; also (except in vaults or graves in which water does not accumulate, provided that every coffin in a grave be covered with at least four feet in thickness of soil, and that every coffin buried in a vault or walled grave be embedded in powdered charcoal and separately entombed in an air-tight manner), in the Cathedral Close, in *St. Chad's Churchyard*, and in *St. Michael's Churchyard*.

**WEDNESBURY.**—Forthwith in the *parish church* of Wednesbury, and in the *Independent or Reformed Methodist Chapel*; and in the parish churchyard and Independent Burial-ground, except in now existing vaults and walled graves which can be opened without the disturbance of soil which has been buried in, and in which each coffin shall be embedded in charcoal and separately entombed in an air-tight manner, and also in graves never previously opened, one body only being buried in each, except in the new part of the parish churchyard, the graves in which may be re-opened if the regulations for new burial-grounds, numbered 12, 13, and 17, be observed; and that burials be discontinued forthwith in *St. John's Churchyard* and *St. James's Churchyard*, Wednesbury, except in now existing vaults and walled graves, which can be opened without disturbing soil which has been buried in, and in which each coffin shall be embedded in charcoal and separately entombed in an air-tight manner, and also in graves never previously opened, one body only being buried in each.

**BRAMPTON, DERBYSHIRE.**—In the *churchyard* of *St. Thomas*, Brampton, except under the following precautions, viz.: that, with the exception of family graves, one body only be buried in each grave; that no interment take place without a covering of earth four feet in thickness, measuring from the upper surface of the coffin to the ordinary level of the ground; and that the said churchyard be properly drained to the depth of seven feet at the least.

*Wm. L. Bathurst.*

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 24th day of June, 1856,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament, held in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, 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 Sir George Grey, Bart, 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 parishes without the previous approval 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 twenty-second day of April 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 fifth day of June instant; and such Order has been published in the London Gazette, and copies thereof have been affixed as required by the said Act.

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 any of the undermentioned parishes without the previous approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; and that burials in the said parishes shall be discontinued with the following modifications, from and after the fifth day of July next (except as is herein otherwise directed), as follows, viz:

**DATCHET, BUCKS.**—From and after the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, in the ancient part of the *churchyard* of the parish of Datchet, except in family vaults and walled graves, which can