

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 2nd day of *February*, 1857,

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 circumstance 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 shall 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-eighth of November 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 fourteenth of January last; 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 under-

mentioned 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 tenth day of this instant February (except as is herein otherwise directed), as follows; viz.:

BODVARI, FLINTSHIRE.—In the *parish church* and within three yards thereof, and in the rest of the *churchyard*, except in graves not less than five feet deep; and it is further ordered, that no grave previously buried in be reopened unless free from undecomposed remains, nor except to bury another of the same family.

MOLD.—In the *parish church*, and in *Pontblydden Chapel of Ease*; and also (except in now existing family vaults and walled graves in which each coffin shall be imbedded in charcoal and separately entombed in an airtight manner) in the old part of the *churchyard*, and in the rest of *churchyard*, and in *Pontblydden Chapelyard*, except in vaults and walled graves used with the like precautions, and in other graves so far as is compatible with the following regulations, viz.: that one body only be buried in one grave; that no grave be reopened within fourteen years, except to bury another of the same family, in which case a layer of earth half a yard thick shall be left undisturbed above the previously buried coffin; that no coffin be placed less than four feet below the surface; and that no new grave be within half a yard of any other grave.

BARNSLEY, IN THE PARISH OF SILKSTONE.—In the *Roman Catholic Chapel*, Barnsley, in the *Primitive Methodist Chapel, Westgate*, also in *St. George's* Burial-ground within six yards of the National School and Playground, and (with the exception of now existing brick graves) in all parts of the ground which have already been buried in; and it is also ordered, that, with the same exception, no grave be reopened; that from and after the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight (with the exception of now existing vaults and brick graves), burials be discontinued in the two churchyards of *St. Mary*, and in the burial-grounds of *Salem Chapel*, the *Roman Catholic Chapel*, the *Methodist New Connexion Chapel*, and the *Independent Chapel, Sheffield-road*; that the now existing vaults and brick graves in all the above burial-grounds, and also the brick graves in *St. George's* Churchyard, be used on the following conditions; viz.: that when required they be used without disturbing soil that has been already buried in, and that each coffin be imbedded in powdered charcoal four inches thick, and be separately entombed in brick or stone work, properly cemented.

C. C. Greville.

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