

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 12th day of *August*, 1859,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament, held in the twentieth and twenty-first years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to amend the Burial Acts," it is, amongst other things, enacted that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, upon the representation of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, from time to time, to order such acts to be done by, or under the directions of, the churchwardens or such other persons as may have the care of any vaults or places of burial, for preventing them from becoming or continuing dangerous or injurious to the public health; and that every such Order in Council shall be published in the London Gazette, and that such churchwardens or other persons shall do, or cause to be done, all acts ordered as aforesaid, and the expenses incurred in and about the doing thereof, shall be paid out of the poor rates of the parish; provided always, that no such representation should be made until ten days' previous notice of the intention to make such representation should have been given to the churchwardens or other persons, or one of the churchwardens, or other persons, having the care of the vaults or places of burial to which the representation relates;

And whereas the Right Honourable Sir George Cornwall Lewis, Bt., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after ten days' previous notice of his intention to make such representation had been duly given to the person or persons having the care of the places of burial hereinafter mentioned, has made a representation, stating that he was of opinion that, for the purpose of preventing the said places of burial from becoming or continuing dangerous or injurious to the public health, an order should be made for the adoption of the measures hereinafter set forth in respect of the same;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the churchwardens or such other person or persons as may have the care of the undermentioned places of burial and vaults, do adopt, or cause to be adopted, the following measures in respect of such places of burial and vaults; viz.:

BURIAL-GROUND OF THE PRECINCT OF BRIDEWELL, BLACKFRIARS.

1. That the whole of the rubbish, building materials, &c., which have been deposited in the burial-ground of the precinct of Bridewell, Blackfriars, be completely removed under suitable supervision, care being taken not to disturb or damage the head or foot stones, or tombs.

2. That the whole surface of the ground be levelled, with the exception of the tombs and graves stones, and be covered with a layer of fresh earth of the thickness of at least a foot.

3. That the surface be sowed with grass seed, and the vegetation be maintained in a proper state, and the surface be never disturbed.

VAULTS UNDER BLOOMSBURY CHAPEL, COMMERCIAL-ROAD EAST, IN THE HAMLET OF RATCLIFFE, IN THE PARISH OF SAINT DUNSTAN, STEPNEY.

1. That the coffins contained in the said vaults be deposited in the north compartment of the

vault, and be covered with fresh earth and powdered charcoal.

2. That the north compartment be bricked up and the existing ventilating openings to it closed, and a tube be carried from this compartment to the roof of the chapel.

3. That the works be effected under the superintendence of the Medical Officer of Health of the district, and that chlorine, McDougall's powder, or other disinfectants, be used whenever necessary.

C. A. Hamilton.

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WHEREAS the Right Honourable Sir George Cornwall Lewis, 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, under the provisions of 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," made a representation stating that, for the protection of the public health, no new burial-ground should be opened in any of the undermentioned parishes without the previous approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and that interments in the same should be discontinued with the following modifications:

WENDRON, HELSTON.—Forthwith in the old part of the parish churchyard, and in the new part, except for the burial of the members of the families already buried therein, and that in the new burial-ground no coffin be buried within four feet of the surface, or within one foot of any other coffin.

CAVERSWALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—In the parish churchyard of Caverswall, on and after the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, except in vaults and walled graves, in which each coffin shall be entombed in an airtight manner, and also in other graves, except for the burial of husbands, wives, or parents of those already buried therein, in graves which can be opened without indecent exposure of remains.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in Council is pleased hereby to give notice of such representations, 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 twenty-sixth day of September next;

And Her Majesty is further pleased to direct that this Order be forthwith published in the London Gazette; and that copies thereof be 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 twenty-sixth day of September.

Wm. L. Bathurst.