A T the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 3rd day of February, 1863.

PRESENT.

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament, held in the eighteenth and nineteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act further to amend the "laws concerning the burial of the dead in "England," it is, amongst other things, enacted that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, from time to time to postpone the time appointed by any Order in Council for the discontinuance of burials, or otherwise to vary any Order in Council made under any of the Acts recited in the said Act, or under the said Act (whether the time thereby appointed for the discontinuance of burials thereunder, or other operation of such Order, shall or shall not have arrived), as to Her Majesty, with such advice as aforesaid, may seem fit;

And whereas certain Orders in Council have been made, directing the discontinuance of burials in the churchyards hereinafter mentioned, from the time specified in such Orders respectively; and whereas it seems fit to Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that the time for discontinuing burials in the said church-

yards be postponed;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice aforesaid, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the time for the discontinuance of burials in such churchyards be postponed, as follows; viz.:

In the churchyard of Dalston, Cumberland, from the thirty-first of January to the thirtieth of April, one thousand eight hun-

dred and sixty-three.

In the churchyard of Oadby, Leicestershire, from the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two to the first of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

Arthur Helps.

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WHEREAS the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Bart., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after giving to the Incumbent and the Churchwardens of the parish 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 con-"cerning 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 the undermentioned parish 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; viz.:

Forthwith in the churchyard of Saint Giles, SHREWSBURY, except in now existing vaults and brick graves in which each coffin shall be embedded in charcoal and entombed by concrete, or by masonry properly cemented.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in Council is pleased hereby 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 sixteenth day of March 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 parish affected by such representation, one month before the said sixteenth day of March.

Arthur Helps.

War Office, 6th February, 1863.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Seaman of the Royal Navy, whose claim to the same has been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his gallant conduct at the capture of Fung-wha, in China, as recorded against his name; viz.:

Name and Rank.

Act of Bravery for which recommended.

George Hinckley,
Able Seaman of Her Majesty's sloop "Sphinx."

Date of Act of Bravery, 9th October, 1862. For volunteering, while under the East Gate of the city of Fung-wha, to carry to a joss house, a hundred and fifty yards distant, under a heavy and continuous fire of musketry, gingalls and stink-pots, Mr. Coker, Master's Assistant of the "Sphinx," who had been wounded in the advance to the gate; in which object Hinckley succeeded.

On his return to the gate, under a similar fire, he again volunteered, and succeeded in carrying to the joss-house Mr. Bremen, an officer of Ward's force, who had been also wounded in the advance on the gate; and he again returned to his post under the gate.