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THE following is an extract of a Despatch from the Honourable E. M. Erskine, Her Majesty's Minister at Athens, to Earl Russell, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, dated July 22, 1864:

"The Hellenic Government have paid into my hands a sum of £658 5s. 8d., being the amount due under Schedule B of the Convention for the month of June last, on account of allowances for loss of office.

"Most of the persons residing in the Ionian Islands have already received the amounts due to them respectively; and I have taken measures to ascertain the address of those residing elsewhere who have not yet placed themselves in communication upon the subject with Her Majesty's Legation."

At the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 28th day of *July*, 1864.

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, intitled "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 representations, has made representations, 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 shall be discontinued therein:

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by Her Order in Council of the tenth day of June last, to give notice of such representations, and to order that the same should be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on the twenty-fifth day of July 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 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 dis-