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And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by Her Order in Council of the fourteenth day of May last, to give notice of such representation, 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 first day of July instant, and such Order has been published in the London Gazette, and copies thereof have been affixed, as required by the above recited Act :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that burials be discontinued forthwith wholly in South Hackney Church, and in the churchyard, except in now existing vaults and walled graves, each coffin buried in which shall be embedded in charcoal, and separately enclosed in an air-tight manner, and except in now existing family earthen graves, burials in which shall be limited to the burials of the members of the families of their owners, no such grave to be opened unless it be free from coffins or remains, and no coffin to be buried at a less depth than four feet below the surface of the ground.

Arthur Helps.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 7th day of July, 1868.

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 representa-

tion, 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 Gathorne Hardy, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after giving to the Incumbents and the Churchwardens of the parishes herein-after 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 consent of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and that burials should be discontinued in them with the modifications hereinafter specified :

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by Her Order in Council of the fourteenth day of May 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 first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, 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 (except as is herein otherwise directed), as follows ; viz. :—

MANCETER.—Forthwith wholly in the parish church of Mancetter, and forthwith in the old churchyard, except in now existing vaults and walled graves, and except for the burial of those widowers and widows for whom graves have already been prepared, and for the burial of those previously resident in the township of Mancetter, or the hamlet of Oldbury ; and that interment in the new churchyard of Mancetter be discontinued on the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, with like exceptions, and except also for the burial of the widowers, widows, parents, and unmarried children of those already interred therein.

DIDDLEBURY, SALOP.—Forthwith wholly in the parish church of Diddlebury ; and also in the churchyard, except in vaults or walled graves which can be opened without the disturbance of coffins or bones, and in which each coffin shall be separately entombed by being enclosed by brick or stonework properly cemented ; and except in earthen graves not less than four feet deep, which are free from water, and which can be opened without the exposure of coffins or the disturbance of undecayed bones.

CHADKIRK, PARISH OF STOCKPORT.—Forthwith wholly in the old church of Chadkirk, in the parish of Stockport.

WEDNESBURY.—Forthwith wholly in the parish church of Wednesbury ; and in the churchyard on the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, except in