

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 by another 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 the Right Honourable Sir William Vernon Harcourt, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after giving to the Incumbents and Churchwardens of the parishes herein-after mentioned ten days' previous notice of his intention to make such representation, has made a representation stating that he is of opinion that the Orders of Her Majesty in Council affecting burials in the said parishes should be varied in the following manner:

ISLEWORTH.—The Order in Council of the seventh April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four; by the omission of the words "with the exception of family vaults and graves only one body to be buried in each grave," and by the substitution of the words, "except as follows:—

"(a.) In such vaults and walled graves as are now existing in the new portion of the churchyard burials may be allowed on condition that every coffin buried therein be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented:

"(b.) In such earthen graves now existing in the new portion of the churchyard as can be opened to the depth of five feet without exposing coffins or disturbing human remains burials may be allowed of so many of the relations of those already interred therein as can be buried at or below that depth."

HORSHAM.—The Order in Council of the twelfth December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, by the omission of the words, "except in now existing vaults and brick graves which can be opened without disturbing soil that has been already buried in, in which each coffin shall be embedded in a layer of powdered charcoal four inches thick, and be separately entombed in brick or stonework properly cemented; and except, also, in the south-west portion thereof, as marked by boundary stones, in graves which can be opened without digging up buried remains, no coffin to be buried within a foot of any other coffin, or less than four feet beneath the surface," and by the substitution of the words, "except in now existing vaults and wholly walled graves which can be opened without disturbing soil that has been already buried in, in which each coffin shall be embedded in a layer of powdered charcoal four inches thick, and be separately entombed in stonework or brickwork properly cemented."

EDMONTON.—The Order in Council of the twelfth December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, by the omission of the words "within five yards of the church, and in the rest of the churchyard except in graves not less than five feet deep, which can be opened without the exposure of coffins, no grave which has been buried in to be re-opened unless to bury another member of the same family," and by the substitution of the words "after the first September one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, except as follows:—

"(a.) In such vaults and wholly walled graves as are now existing in the churchyard burials may be allowed on condition that every coffin buried therein be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented:

"(b.) In such earthen graves now existing in the churchyard as can be opened to the depth of five feet without exposing coffins or disturbing human remains burials may be allowed of so many of the following relations of those already interred therein, viz.: widows, widowers, parents, children, brothers and sisters, as can be buried at or below that depth."

SEDFIELD.—The Order in Council of the thirty-first July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, by the omission of the words "except in existing vaults and walled graves, every coffin buried in which shall be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented, and except in earthen graves, five feet deep, which can be opened without the exposure of coffins or of uncayed bones. And none but the families of those already buried to be interred" (the words "those portions of" being inserted between the words "in" and "Sedgefield" at the beginning of the Order), and by the substitution of the words "that lie within eight feet of the church and of any dwelling-house; and also in the rest of the churchyard except as follows: