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At the Court at Windsor, the 19th day of May, 1899.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by "The Burial Act, 1857," 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 shall be made until ten days' previous notice of the intention to make such representation shall 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 Matthew White Ridley, Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after ten days' previous notice of his intention to make such representation having been duly given to the Incumbent and churchwardens of the parish of Old Northholme, in the county of Lincoln, has made a representation, stating that for the purpose of preventing the churchyard of that parish from becoming or continuing dangerous or injurious to the public health, an Order should be made directing that the Regulations for New Burial Grounds, hereinafter set forth, should be observed in the said churchyard:

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 of the parish of Old Northholme do observe or cause to be observed the following regulations, viz. :—

I. The burial ground shall be effectually fenced, and, if necessary, underdrained to such a depth as will prevent water remaining in any grave or vault.

II. The area to be used for graves shall be

divided into grave-spaces, to be designated by convenient marks, so that the position of each may be readily determined, and a corresponding plan kept on which each grave-space shall be shown.

III. The grave-spaces for the burial of persons above twelve years of age shall be at least nine feet by four feet, and those for the burial of children under twelve years of age, six feet by three feet, or, if preferred, half the measurement of the adult grave-space, namely, four and a half feet by four feet.

IV. A register of graves shall be kept, in which the name and age of the persons buried in each grave, and the date of each interment shall be duly registered.

V. No body shall be buried in any vault or walled grave unless the coffin be separately entombed in an air-tight manner; that is, by properly cemented stone or brick work, which shall never be disturbed.

VI. One body only shall be buried in any common earthen grave at one time, unless the bodies be those of members of the same family.

VII. No unwall'd grave shall be re-opened within fourteen years after the burial of a person above twelve years of age, or within eight years after the burial of a child under twelve years of age, unless to bury another member of the same family; in every case a layer of earth not less than one foot thick shall be left undisturbed above the previously buried coffin; but if, on re-opening any grave, the soil is found to be offensive, such soil shall not be disturbed, and in no case shall human remains be removed from the grave.

VIII. No coffin shall be buried in any unwall'd grave within four feet of the ordinary level of the ground, unless it contains the body of a child under twelve years, when it shall not be less than three feet below that level.

A. W. FitzRoy.

Whitehall, June 21, 1899.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint the Reverend Henry Hickling, M.A., to the newly created living of Saint Andrew, South Levenshulme, constituted out of the parish (sometime district under "The Parish of Manchester Division Act, 1850,") of Saint Peter, Levenshulme