

any new burial-ground in any city or town, or within any other limits, save with the previous approval of the Local Government Board, should be prohibited, or that burials in any city or town, or within any other limits or in any burial-grounds or places of burial, should be wholly discontinued, or should be discontinued subject to any exception or qualification, it should be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order that no new burial-ground should be opened in any city or town, or within such limits, without such previous approval, or (as the case might 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, should be discontinued wholly, or subject to any exceptions or qualifications mentioned in such Order, and so from time to time as circumstances might require; provided always, that notice of such representation, and of the time when it should please His Majesty to order that the same be taken into consideration by the Privy Council, should be published in the London Gazette, and should 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 was so considered; provided also that no such representation should be made in relation to the burial-ground of any parish until ten days' previous notice of the intention to make such representation should have been given to the Incumbent and vestry clerk or churchwardens of such parish:

And whereas by the Burial Act, 1855, it was, amongst other things, enacted that it should be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the advice of His 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, should or should not have arrived), as to His Majesty, with such advice as aforesaid, might seem fit:

And whereas the Local Government Board, after giving to the Incumbent and the churchwardens of the parish of All Saints, Friskney, in the county of Lincoln, ten days' previous notice of their intention to make such representation, made a representation stating that they were of opinion that so much of the Order in Council of the nineteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, as relates to burials in the said parish should be varied as hereinafter set forth:

And whereas His Majesty was pleased by His Order in Council of the twentieth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and three, to give notice of such representation, and to order that the same should be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and three, and copies thereof have been affixed as required by the said first recited Act:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that so much of the Order in Council of the nineteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, as relates to Friskney be varied by substituting for the provisions contained in the said Order

with regard to the said parish the following provisions, viz. :—

FRISKNEY.—That, except as hereinafter provided, burials shall be discontinued forthwith and entirely in the Parish Church of All Saints, Friskney, in the Parts of Lindsey, and in the whole of the churchyard;

Provided that, in the portion of the churchyard added in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty, in any grave space in which no interment has heretofore taken place, the burial may be allowed, at or below the depth of five feet from the surface of the ground, of the body of any person for whom or of any member of a family for which such grave space has been reserved and appropriated as a burial-place, with the exclusive right of burial therein.

A. W. FitzRoy.

STATUTES OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

EDWARD, R. & I.

EDWARD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, Sovereign of the Distinguished Service Order, to all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Whereas Her late Majesty, Our Beloved Mother, Queen Victoria, by a Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual, countersigned by one of Her Principal Secretaries of State, and bearing date at Her Court at Balmoral the sixth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, in the fiftieth year of Her reign, did institute and create a new naval and military order of distinction, to be styled and designated the "Distinguished Service Order."

And whereas, by the said Royal Warrant it was, among other things, ordained that the said Order should rank next to, and immediately after, Our Order of the Indian Empire, and that the badge of the Order should have on the reverse Her late Majesty's Imperial and Royal Cypher, V.R.I.

And whereas We have thought fit to signify Our Royal Will and Pleasure that the said Order shall rank next to, and immediately after, Our Royal Victorian Order, and that the badge shall have on the reverse Our Imperial and Royal Cypher, E.R.I.

Now, therefore, We do, by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain and appoint: Firstly, that the Distinguished Service Order shall rank next to, and immediately after, Our Royal Victorian Order, and that the companions thereof shall, in all places and assemblies whatsoever, have place and precedence next to, and immediately after, the members of the 4th Class of Our said Royal Victorian Order, and shall rank among themselves according to the dates of their respective nominations. Secondly, that the badge of the Order, which shall consist of a gold cross, enamelled white, edged gold, having on one side thereof in the centre, within a wreath of laurel, enamelled green, the Imperial Crown in gold, upon a red enamelled ground, and on the reverse, within a similar wreath, and on a similar red ground, Our Imperial and Royal Cypher, E.R.I., shall be suspended