

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 9th day of *September*, 1907.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by the Burial Act, 1855 and 1857, as amended by the Burial Act, 1900, it was, amongst other things, enacted, that it should be lawful for His Majesty, upon the representation of the Local Government Board, by and with the advice of His 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 Local Government Board, after ten days' previous notice of their intention to make such representation had been duly given to the churchwardens of the parish of Saint Mary, Amersham, in the county of Buckingham, made a representation, stating that they were of opinion that for the purpose of preventing the north transept of the parish church of Saint Mary, Amersham, from becoming or continuing dangerous or injurious to the public health, an Order in Council should be made for the adoption of the measures hereinafter set forth:

And whereas His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, was, on the 22nd day of October, 1906, pleased to order that the said churchwardens, or such other person or persons as may have the care of the north transept of the said church, shall do or cause to be done the following acts, that is to say:—

Subject to the authority and direction of the Consistory Court of Oxford under a faculty to be issued in that behalf:

(1.) All human remains in the catacombs in the north transept shall be removed therefrom and forthwith reburied in some consecrated burial ground in which burials can legally be made.

(2.) Such remains shall be reburied in dry soil which has never previously been used for burials, and at a depth of at least five feet below the surface of the ground.

(3.) Any earth, gravel, or other materials around, above, or beneath the coffins containing such remains, which may be found to be impregnated with offensive matter, shall be removed and disposed of in such a manner as not to create nuisance or danger to health.

(4.) The work of removing and reburying the said remains, and of removing and disposing of the earth, gravel, or other materials aforesaid, shall be carried out under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health for the rural district of Amersham.

And whereas the Local Government Board, after ten days' previous notice of their intention to make such representation had been duly given to the churchwardens of the parish of Saint Mary, Amersham, in the county of Buckingham, have

made a representation stating that they are of opinion that the said Order in Council of the 22nd day of October, 1906, should be varied in the manner hereinafter set forth.

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the directions contained in the said Order in Council of the 22nd day of October, 1906, shall be varied by substituting for the clause numbered (1) in the said Order the following clause:—

(1.) All human remains in the catacombs in the north transept and any human remains which may be found beneath the clergy vestry above the ordinary level of the churchyard shall be removed therefrom and forthwith reburied in some consecrated burial ground in which burials can legally be made.

*A. W. FitzRoy.*

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**W**HEREAS by the Burial Act, 1853, as amended by the Burial Act, 1900, it was enacted that, in case it appeared to His Majesty in Council, upon the representation of the Local Government Board, 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 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