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At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of March 1903.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the "Burial Grounds (Scotland) Act, 1855," as amended by "The Secretary for Scotland Act, 1885," it was enacted that it should be lawful for His Majesty from time to time, by Order in Council, upon the Representation of the Secretary for Scotland, that a copy of an Interlocutor of a Sheriff of a County of Scotland under certain provisions of the said first-named Act had been received, in pursuance thereof, to order that no new burial ground should be opened within certain limits specified in such Order, save with the previous approval of the Secretary for Scotland (or as the case might require) that after a time mentioned in such Order burials within certain limits, or in certain burial grounds or places of burial should be discontinued wholly or subject to any exceptions or qualifications mentioned in such Order, and that such Order in Council should thereupon have like force and effect as if the same were embodied in the said Act: Provided always that notice of such Representation, and of the time it should please His Majesty to order the same to be taken into consideration by the Privy Council, should be transmitted to the Crown Agent in Edinburgh, and the Sheriff-Clerk of the County in which such burial ground is situated; and that the same should be by them respectively published in the Edinburgh Gazette, and fixed on the doors of the Church of, or on some other conspicuous places within, the Parish affected by such Representation, one month before such Representation was so considered:

And whereas the Secretary for Scotland made a Representation stating that he had received a copy of an Interlocutor by the Sheriff of the Lothians and Peebles, finding that certain Burial Grounds in the Parish of Prestonpans are so crowded with human remains as to be offensive and contrary to decency:

And whereas in the said Representation it was recommended that the said Burial Grounds (viz., the East and West Graveyards, Prestonpans) should be closed, subject to certain reservations.

And whereas notice of the said Representation, and of the time when it pleased His Majesty to order the same to be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of the Privy Council, has been duly published in the Edinburgh Gazette, and has been fixed as required by the said Act:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order as follows, viz.:

That burials be forthwith discontinued in the East and West Graveyards, Prestonpans, subject to a reservation of the rights of existing lair-holders to make future interments with the consent of the Local Authority; provided always as regards all future interments that the exercise of the right of burial be not injurious to the public health, that no graves be less than five feet deep, that no grave be buried in unless it can be opened to that depth without exposure of coffins, and that notice be given to the Sanitary Inspector of the Burgh of Prestonpans on the day preceding that on which a grave is to be opened.

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