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By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

EDWARD, R. & I.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Tuesday the twentieth day of December one thousand nine hundred and four; We, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, hereby issue Our Royal Proclamation, and publish and declare that the said Parliament be further prorogued to Tuesday the seventeenth day of January one thousand nine hundred and five.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this twelfth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, and in the fourth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 12th day of December 1904.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Secretary for Scotland has, under the provisions of the Burial Grounds (Scotland) Act, 1855, made a Representation stating that he has received a copy of an Interlocutor by the Sheriff of the Lothians and Peebles finding that the present Churchyard of the Parish of Stow, in the County of Mid-Lothian,

with the exception of the railed in portions thereof which pertain to John Borthwick of Crookston, William Ramsay of Bowland, Miss Jane Ann Crawford Milroy of Torsonce, James Sanderson of Symington, James Miller Tait of Pirn, Andrew Taylor Elliot, Farmer, Newhall, and of the ground inside the walls of the old church is in a condition which is offensive, dangerous to health, and contrary to decency, and that it is expedient that the said Churchyard, excepting the foresaid portions thereof, should be closed for sepulture except for the burial of (first) any person, widow or widower, whose husband or wife has been buried in the said Churchyard; (second) persons, children of whom are at the date of closing said Churchyard buried there; and (third) the unmarried children, who are at said date over forty years of age, of parents who are at that date buried in the said Churchyard, provided that all such interments, and also all interments in the before excepted portions hereafter to be allowed, are to be permitted only at the sight of the Clerk to the Parish Council of Stow, and only if said interments can be made without injury to public health, and if there be proper and sufficient ground available in the respective family burial places:

And whereas in the said Representation it is recommended that the said Churchyard of the Parish of Stow should be closed, subject to the exceptions and conditions named, and subject to the further condition, as regards all interments after the date of the Order in Council directing the closing of the said Churchyard, that no interment shall be made unless the coffin can be laid at a depth of four feet from the surface of the ground to the upper side of the coffin, and that without the exposure of another coffin: