

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the  
11th day of *December*, 1854,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament, held in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to amend the laws concerning the burial of the dead in England, beyond the limits of the metropolis, and to amend the Act concerning the burial of the dead in the metropolis;" it is enacted, that in case it appears to Her Majesty in Council, upon the representation of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, 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 one of such Secretaries of State, should be prohibited, or that burials in any city or town, or within any other limits, or in any burial-ground or places of burial, should be wholly discontinued, or should be discontinued subject to any exception or qualification; it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order that no new burial-ground shall be opened in any city or town, or within such limits, without such previous approval, or (as the case may 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, shall be discontinued wholly, or subject to any exceptions or qualifications mentioned in such Order, and so from time to time, as circumstances may require; provided always, that notice of such representation, and of the time when it shall please Her Majesty to order that the same be taken into consideration by the Privy Council, shall be published in the London Gazette, and shall 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 is so considered; provided also, that no such representation shall be made in relation to the burial-ground of any parish until ten days' previous notice of the intention to make such representation, shall have been given to the Incumbent and Vestry Clerk or Churchwardens of such parish.

And whereas the Right Honourable Viscount Palmerston, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after giving to the Incumbents and the Churchwardens of the parishes hereinafter mentioned, ten days' previous notice of his intention to make such representation, has made a representation stating that, for the protection of the public health, no new burial-ground shall be opened in the hereinafter-mentioned places, without the consent of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and that burials should be discontinued therein, with the following modifications.

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by Her Order in Council of the eighteenth of October last, to give notice of such representation, and to order that the same be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on the second day of December instant, and such Order has been published in the London Gazette; and copies thereof have been affixed as required by the said Act.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that no new burial-ground shall be opened in the undermentioned places without the previous approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; and that

burials in the said places shall be discontinued, with the following modifications, from and after the twenty-third day of December instant (except as is herein otherwise directed), as follows, viz:

BLANDFORD.—Forthwith beneath the *Parish Church*, and in such parts of the *churchyard* of the *New Parochial Burial-ground*, and of the *Independent Burial-ground*, as are within five yards of the church or of any other building; and wholly in the said burial-grounds from and after the first December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, except in existing vaults or brick graves, in which each coffin shall be embedded in charcoal and separately entombed in brickwork; and in the meantime one body only is to be buried in each grave, with four and a half feet of earth between the top of the coffin and the level surface of the ground over it.

OTTERY ST. MARY.—Forthwith within the *church*, and in the *churchyard*, and in the *Independent Burial-ground* one body only to be buried in each grave, and no grave to be re-opened in less than fourteen years after the previous burial.

ILMINSTER.—Forthwith in the *Parish Church*, in the *Old Meeting House*, in the *Independent* and *Wesleyan Chapels*, and in the *Friends' Meeting House*; and from and after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in the *Parish Churchyard*, except in vaults or brick graves, in which each coffin shall be embedded in charcoal and separately entombed.

NORTH WALSHAM.—Forthwith in the *Parish Church*, in the *Independent Chapel*, in the *Wesleyan Chapel*, and in the *Primitive Methodist Chapel*; and from and after the first September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in the *Parish Churchyard*.

AYLSHAM.—Forthwith in the *Parish Church*; and in the *Baptist Burial-ground* within three yards of the vestry and chapel; and from and after the first September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in the *Parish Churchyard*.

CREWKERNE.—Forthwith within and beneath the *Parish Church*, and in the *North-street Baptist Chapel*, and in the *Wesleyan* and *Unitarian Chapels*, and within five yards of the *Parish Church*, and in the rest of the *churchyard*, except in vaults and brick graves in which each coffin shall be embedded in charcoal and separately entombed with slabs or brickwork, and except in graves which have not been opened for the previous fourteen years, and which can be dug five feet deep without disturbance of remains not completely decayed; and one body only is to be buried in each grave.

Wm. L. Bathurst.

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