

"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 Sir George Grey, Bart., 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 should be opened, in the undermentioned parishes, without the previous approval 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 twenty-eighth of February 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 thirteenth of April last; 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 parishes without the previous approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; and that burials in the said parishes be discontinued, with the following modifications, from and after the twelfth of May instant (except as is herein otherwise directed), as follows, viz.:

COVENTRY.—Forthwith in the undermentioned places of worship, viz., *St. John the Baptist's Church, Holy Trinity Church, St. Michael's*

Church, St. Peter's Church, the Roman Catholic Chapel, the Friends' Meeting House, the Cow Lane Chapel, and the Protestant Dissenters' Chapel; also (except in existing vaults, in which each coffin shall be separately entombed,) in the churchyards of *St. John the Baptist, Holy Trinity, and St. Michael,* and in the burial-ground of the *Cow Lane Chapel;* and in the churchyard of *St. Peter,* and in the burial-ground of the *Protestant Dissenters' Chapel,* except of the families of those already buried therein.

SOUTH SHIELDS.—Wholly in *Holy Trinity Churchyard* from and after the first July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five; and in *St. Stephen's Churchyard,* except so far as is compatible with the Regulations for New Burial-grounds.

DODDINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—Forthwith in the parish church, and from and after the first February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, in the churchyard (provided nevertheless that the present Dowager Lady Peyton, and the Reverend Algernon Peyton, the present incumbent of Doddington, may, when dead, be interred in the family-vault under Doddington Church, on condition that each body to be buried be enclosed in an air-tight metallic coffin, and that each coffin be separately entombed in brick work well cemented).

WARRINGTON.—Forthwith in *St. Paul's Church,* and no interment is to take place in *St. Paul's Churchyard* without a covering of earth four and a half feet in depth at the least, measuring from the upper surface of the coffin to the level of the ground; and (except in existing private vaults) interments are to be wholly discontinued in the said churchyard from and after the first April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

LEEDS.—No interment is to take place in any vault in *St. George's Churchyard* or *Cemetery,* except in an air-tight metallic coffin, interments (except in existing vaults) are to be wholly discontinued in such churchyard, and interments in the vaults underneath *St. George's Church* are to be wholly discontinued. Except in existing private vaults and graves, interments in the churchyard of *St. Mark Woodhouse* are to be wholly discontinued, and no interment is to take place in any grave without a covering of earth four and a half feet in depth at the least, measuring from the upper surface of the coffin to the level of the ground.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—Except in existing vaults and graves, no more than one body is to be buried in any grave in *St. Peter's Churchyard;* no burial is to take place in any grave without a covering of earth four feet and a half in depth at the least, measuring from the upper surface of the coffin to the level of the ground, and except in existing private vaults and graves, interments are to be wholly discontinued in the said churchyard from and after the first May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

WORKINGTON.—Wholly in that part of *St. John's Churchyard* situate on the north side of the church, and in the remainder of the ground to be discontinued subject to the Regulations for New Burial-grounds.

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