

AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 1st day of *May*, 1855,

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 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 shall 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 day 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 day 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 shall be discontinued, with the following modifications, from and after the twelfth day of May instant (except as is herein otherwise directed), as follows, viz.:

LEAMINGTON.—Forthwith beneath the *parish church*, and from and after the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six in the *old churchyard*; and from the same date in the *Roman Catholic*, the *Lady Huntingdon's*, and in *Warwick-street Burial-grounds*, except in walled graves in which each coffin shall be separately entombed. In *Spencer-street Chapel Burial-ground*, one body only is to be buried in a grave, and no grave to be re-opened within fourteen years, except to bury a member of the same family. In the *Leamington Cemetery* the regulations for new burial-grounds are to be observed.

HEYWOOD, IN BURY, LANCASHIRE.—Except in existing private vaults and graves no interment is to take place in the *churchyard* of *St. James Heywood* within twenty feet of the church; except in existing private vaults and graves no more than one body is to be buried in any grave; 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.

BURNLEY.—Wholly in *St. James's Churchyard*. Except in existing private vaults no interment is to take place in *Holy Trinity Churchyard* within twenty feet of the church, except in existing private vaults and graves no more than one body to be buried in any grave, no interment is to take place in any grave without a covering of earth three 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 and graves) interments are to be wholly discontinued in the said churchyard from and after the first of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.—Forthwith within the *church* of *St. Paul Manningham*, and no interment is to take place in the *churchyard* thereof 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, except in existing family brick graves no more than one body is to be buried in any grave, and (except in existing family brick graves) interments are to be wholly discontinued in the said churchyard from and after the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

MARCH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—Forthwith in the *parish church* and in the *old churchyard*, also in the *General Baptist Chapel Burial-ground* within three yards of all dwelling-houses; in the *New Churchyard*, and in the *General Baptist Chapel Burial-ground* (with the exception of family vaults and graves) one body only is to be buried in each grave. The said *New Churchyard* and said burial-ground are to be drained to the depth of six feet at the least.

Wm. L. Bathurst.