

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Hanley.

The President, Vice Presidents, Council, and Fellows of the Society of Antiquaries of London.

The Citizens of Worcester in Public Meeting assembled.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Worcester in Common Council assembled.

The Company of Merchants of Edinburgh.

The Incumbent, Churchwardens, and Inhabitants of the parish of Hampton Wick.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Shrewsbury.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the city of Exeter.

The Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Royal burgh of Cullen.

The President, Vice Presidents, Officers, and other Members of the Corporation of the Royal Literary Fund.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 3rd day of *February*, 1864.

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, burials shall be discontinued, with certain modifications, in such parishes.

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by Her Order in Council of the eighth day of December last, to give notice of such representation, and to order that the same should be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on the nineteenth day of January 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 burials in the undermentioned parishes shall be discontinued as follows; viz.:

BROADWATER.—Forthwith,—entirely within four feet of the boundary wall on the north side of the churchyard; and in the new part of the churchyard, with the exception of now existing vaults and brick graves which can be opened without disturbing soil that has already been buried in;—each coffin to be embedded in a layer of powdered charcoal four inches thick, and separately entombed in brick or stonework, cemented in an airtight manner;—and also with the exception of existing reserved earthen grave spaces, which can be opened without disturbing human remains, in which no body shall be buried without a covering of four and a half feet of earth.

BIRMINGHAM.—Forthwith in All Saints' Churchyard, except in vaults and walled graves, and in already purchased private graves, to be used in accordance with the regulations for new burial-grounds.

Arthur Helps.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 3rd day of *February*, 1864.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament, held in the eighteenth and nineteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act further to amend the laws concerning the burial of the dead in England," it is, amongst other things, enacted that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, from time to time, to postpone the time appointed by any Order in Council for the discontinuance of burials, or otherwise to vary any Order in Council made under any of the Acts recited in the said Act, or under the said Act (whether the time thereby appointed for the discontinuance of burials thereunder, or other operation of such Order, shall or shall not have arrived), as to Her Majesty, with such advice as aforesaid, may seem fit;

And whereas by an Order in Council of the thirty-first of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, burials were directed to be discontinued in the Episcopal Chapel, Bierley, in the parish of Bradford, and in the burial ground, within twenty feet of the said chapel, from the time specified in such Order; and whereas it seems fit to Her Majesty, by and with the advice