

Council has been made for closing, with certain exceptions, or subject to certain restrictions as to future interments, the following burial-grounds, all within the said district, viz., the parish churchyard of Eccles, the Wesleyan and Roman Catholic Burial-grounds at Barton, and the Independent Burial-ground at Patricroft, that the inhabitants of the district are subject to great inconvenience from the want of burial accommodation in the said district, and praying that the said Local Board may be appointed a Burial Board for the district of such Local Board :

And whereas notice of such petition, and of the time when Her Majesty was pleased to order the same to be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, has been duly published 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 the Local Board of Health for the District of Barton, Eccles, Winton, and Monton, in the county of Lancaster, shall be a Burial Board for the district of such Local Board, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the twentieth and twenty-first years of Her Majesty's reign.

*C. L. Peel.*

AT the Court at Windsor, the 11th day of July, 1877.

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 repre-

sentation 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 Richard Assheton Cross, 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 consent of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and that burials should be discontinued therein, with the modifications hereinafter specified :

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by Her Order in Council of the thirtieth day of April 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 eighteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, 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 any of 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 (except as herein otherwise directed), as follows, viz. :—

OLD SWINFORD.—Forthwith wholly in the parish church of Old Swinford, in Amblescote Church, and also in the Independent, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic Chapels, and in the Friends' Meeting House, in the same parish.

WIMBLEDON.—Forthwith wholly in the church of Wimbledon; and in the churchyard, except in now existing vaults and walled graves, every coffin buried in which shall be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented; and except also in family earthen graves, each coffin buried in which shall be covered with at least four feet of soil.

THURSFORD.—In the church and churchyard of Thursford, Norfolk, on and after the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

CLIFTON-UPON-DUNSMORE.—Forthwith wholly in the church of Clifton-upon-Dunsmore; and in the churchyard, except in now existing family vaults and walled graves, every coffin buried in which shall be separately enclosed by stone or brick work properly cemented.

*C. L. Peel.*

Privy Council Office, July 11, 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Petition has been presented to Her Majesty in Council from inhabitant householders of the town of Burslem, in the county of Stafford, praying that Her Majesty in Council will be pleased to grant to that town a CHARTER, by which the powers and provisions of the Municipal Corporations Acts, may be extended to the inhabitants of the said town within the limits to be set forth in such Charter; and notice is hereby further given, that