

member of the same family, in which case a layer of earth of not less than one foot thick shall be left undisturbed above the previously buried coffin: but if on re-opening any grave the soil be found to be offensive such soil shall not be disturbed, and in no case shall human remains be removed from the grave.

iii. No coffin shall be buried in any unwall'd grave within four feet of the ordinary level of the ground unless it contains the body of a child under twelve years of age when it shall not be less than three feet below the level.

iv. That no earthen grave shall be dug within eighteen inches of any other grave.

BLACKBURN.—Forthwith wholly in the Great Harwood Church, in the parish of Blackburn, in the county of Lancaster: and also in the churchyard after the thirty-first May one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six except as follows:

(a.) In such vaults and wholly walled graves as are now existing in the churchyard burials may be allowed on condition that every coffin buried therein be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented.

(b.) In such earthen graves now existing in the churchyard, as can be opened to the depth of five feet without exposing coffins or disturbing human remains, burials may be allowed of so many of the relations of those interred therein at the date of this Order as can be buried at or below that depth.

(c.) In such reserved grave spaces (as have never before been buried in and when opened are free from water) burials may be allowed of so many members of the families to whom they may be allotted as can be buried at or below the depth of five feet.

C. L. Peel.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 5th day of *March*, 1885.

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 burials, 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 by another 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 the Right Honourable Sir William Vernon Harcourt, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of States, after giving to the Incumbent and Churchwardens of the parish herein-after mentioned ten days' previous notice of his intention to make such representation, has made a representation stating that he is of opinion that the Order of Her Majesty's in Council of the eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in so far as it affects burials in the parish church and churchyard of Fairford, in the county of Gloucester, should be varied by substituting for the directions therein contained in respect of burials in the said church and churchyard the directions hereinafter specified:

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased by Her Order in Council of the thirtieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, 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 fourteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and such Order has been published in the London Gazette and copies thereof have been affixed as required by the said first recited 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 said Order of the eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, be varied by substituting for the directions therein contained with respect to the said church and churchyard the following directions, viz.:—

That burials be discontinued forthwith and wholly in the parish church of Fairford, in the county of Gloucester; and also in the churchyard, after the first May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, except as follows:—

(a.) In such vaults as are now existing in the churchyard burials may be allowed on condition that every coffin buried therein be