

AT the Court at *Balmoral*, the 15th day of *September*, 1887.

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-grounds 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:

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 to further 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 Henry Matthews, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has made a representation stating that he is of opinion that the Order of Her Majesty in Council of the thirtieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, in so far as it affects burials in the Wesleyan Association Burial-Ground, Over Darwen, should be varied, and that the directions hereinafter set forth should be substituted for those contained in the said Order, with respect to burials in the said burial-ground:

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by Her Order in Council of the twelfth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, 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 first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, 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 burials be discontinued forthwith and entirely in the Wesleyan Association Chapel, in the parish of Over Darwen, in the county of Lancaster; and also in the chapelryard, except as follows:—

Except in family vaults and graves which were existing on the fifteenth August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, which are free from water, and can be opened without disturbance of remains:—every coffin buried in a vault or walled grave to be embedded in charcoal, and entombed in an air-tight manner, and every coffin buried in the earth to be at least four feet beneath the surface; and except for the interment of the bodies now lying in a space one hundred and ten square yards in area, immediately in front of the chapel, in a vault to be constructed for the purpose.

C. L. Peel.

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