

Plumstead be varied by substituting for the directions therein contained, the following directions :

That burials be discontinued forthwith and entirely in the parish church of Plumstead, in the county of Kent ; and also in the churchyard except as follows :—

(a) In such vaults and wholly walled graves as are now existing burials may be allowed of the following relations of those already interred therein at the date of this Order, viz. : widows and widowers, on condition that every coffin buried therein be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented.

(b) In such earthen graves now existing 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 following relations of those interred therein at the date of this Order, viz. : widows and widowers, as can be buried at or below that depth.

Twenty-four hours' written notice of any such intended burial to be given by the Sexton to the Sanitary Inspector of the district.

*C. L. Peel.*

At the Court at Windsor, the 9th day of May, 1891.

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 ; 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 representa-

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tion 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 Henry Matthews, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after giving to the Incumbent and the Churchwardens of the parish hereinafter 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 in Council of the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, as affecting burials in the parish of Pembury, should be varied, by substituting the following directions for those contained in the said Order in regard to burials in the church and churchyard of the parish of Pembury, viz. :—

That burials be discontinued forthwith and entirely in the parish church of Pembury, in the county of Kent ; and also in the churchyard after the thirty-first December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, 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 (and which when opened are free from water) burials may be allowed of so many of the relations of those interred therein at the date of the Order as can be buried at or below that depth.

(c.) In such partly walled graves as are now existing in the churchyard burials may be allowed of so many members of the families to whom they have been allotted as can be buried at or below the depth of five feet.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in Council is pleased hereby 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 twenty-second day of June next :

And Her Majesty is further pleased to direct that this Order be forthwith published in the London Gazette, and that copies thereof be affixed on the doors of the churches or chapels of, or on some conspicuous places within, the parish affected by such representation, one month before the said twenty-second day of June.

*C. L. Peel.*