

therein as can be buried at or below that depth.

(d.) In a reserved grave space in the south-west corner which has never before been buried in burial may be allowed of Peter and Lucy Richmond (at their decease) provided the bodies can be deposited at or below the depth of five feet and that the grave when made is free from water.

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 third day of July 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 third day of July.

A. W. FitzRoy.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 19th day of May, 1899.

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 Orders in Council have been made directing the discontinuance of burials in the churchyards hereinafter mentioned from the time specified in such Orders ; and whereas it seems fit to Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that the time for discontinuing burials in the said churchyards be postponed :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice aforesaid, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the time for the discontinuance of burials in such churchyards be postponed as follows, viz. :—

In the Churchyard of Saint Nicholas at Wade, in the county of Kent, until the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

In the Parish Churchyard of Othery, in the county of Somerset, until the thirty-first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

A. W. FitzRoy.

War Office, May 30, 1899.

THE following Despatch, with enclosure, has been received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs :—

Foreign Office,

SIR,

May 24, 1899.

I AM directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the Niger Company drawing attention to the services

of the Officers and Non-Commissioned Officer who have recently been in their employ, and I am to express the hope that the Secretary of State for War may find himself able to give the recommendations thus made in their behalf his most favourable consideration.

I am, &c.,

MARTIN GOSSELIN.

The Under Secretary of State,
War Office.

The Royal Niger Company,
Victoria Embankment, W.C.,

May 18, 1899.

SIR,

I AM directed by the Governor and Council to enclose herewith a list (including one Non-Commissioned Officer) of the Officers whom they would wish to be brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War, if the Marquis of Salisbury sees no objection.

With the exception of Sergeant Halfpenny, they are placed in order of merit.

All of them have been under fire in expeditions and five of them have been wounded.

The Governor and Council earnestly hope that the Marquis of Salisbury may see fit to recommend them to the Secretary of State for War, some for promotion and some for noting favourably.

I am, &c.,

HENRY MORLEY,

Secretary.

The Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

Royal Niger Constabulary.

Lieutenant (local Captain) J. A. Burdon, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, Commanding Royal Niger Constabulary.

Benin Hinterland and Siama Expeditions.

Lieutenant V. J. Tighe, West India Regiment ; wounded.

Captain A. K. Stubbs, Worcestershire Regiment ; wounded.

Lieutenant A. J. Forbes, South Wales Borderers : extreme gallantry.

Lieutenant W. St. A. Wake, Middlesex Regiment ; wounded.

Captain W. de L. Williams, Hampshire Regiment ; wounded.

Lieutenant W. J. Bowker, Somersetshire Light Infantry.

Captain A. J. Digan, Mid-Ulster Artillery.

Lieutenant F. R. Lawrence, 14th Hussars.

Lieutenant V. T. Worship, Royal Munster Fusiliers.

Lieutenant W. A. G. Williams, South Wales Borderers ; wounded.

Special Recommendation.

Sergeant J. Halfpenny, Royal Horse Artillery, has served continuously in Nigeria for three years, and has been in almost every fighting expedition, from the Bida-Ilorin Campaign down to the Benin Hinterland Expedition.

The above Officers and Non-Commissioned Officer are recommended by the Royal Niger Company for promotion or for noting as having been mentioned in despatches.

GEORGE TAUBMAN GOLDIE,

Governor.

Windsor Castle, May 24, 1899.

THE Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on John Thomas Soundy, Esq., J.P., Mayor of Windsor.