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At the Court at Windsor, the 14th day of July, 1899.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by "The Burials Act 1853" 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 representation shall have been given to the incumbent and vestry clerk or churchwardens of such parish:

And whereas by "The Burials Act 1855" 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 Matthew White Ridley, Baronet, 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 he is of opinion that so much of the Order of Her Majesty in Council of twenty-fourth June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, as relates to burials in the parish of Datchet, in the county of Bucks, and that so much of the Order of Her Majesty in Council of first May one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five as relates to St. John's churchyard, Coventry, the Friends' burial-ground, Coventry, and Hill-street chapel-yard, Coventry, in the county of Warwick, should be varied by substituting for the directions contained therein the following Orders, viz.:—

DATCHET.—That burials be discontinued forthwith and entirely in the Parish Church of Datchet in the county of Buckingham, and also in the churchyard except as follows:—

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

(b.) In partly walled and earthen graves now existing burials may be allowed of the relations of those already interred therein provided that the bodies can be deposited at or below the depth of five feet without exposing coffins or disturbing human remains.

(c.) In the two reserved spaces which have never before been buried in and which when opened are free from water, burial may be allowed of Mary Anne Lane and William Good respectively, and of so many members of the family of the latter at their decease as can be buried at or below the depth of five feet.

COVENTRY.—1. Saint John's Churchyard.—That burials be discontinued forthwith and entirely in Saint John's Church, Coventry, in the county of Warwick; and also in the churchyard, except as follows:—

In existing vaults, not exceeding three in number, burials may be allowed on condition that every coffin be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented.