

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 20th day of *October*, 1902.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

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And whereas by the Burial Act, 1900, it was enacted that the powers and duties of the Secretary of State under the Burial Acts should be transferred to the Local Government Board:

And whereas the Local Government Board after giving to the Incumbent and the churchwardens of the parish of Saint Michael, Boroughbridge, in the parish of Othery, in the county of Somerset, ten days' previous notice of their intention to make such representation, made a representation stating that, for the protection of the public health, no new burial-ground should be opened in the civil parish of Othery, without the previous approval of the Local Government Board, and that burials should be discontinued in the said parish as hereinafter directed:

And whereas His Majesty was pleased, by His Order in Council of the eleventh day of August last, to give notice of such representation, and to order that the same should be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on the twentieth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and two, and such Order has been published in the *London Gazette*, and copies thereof have been affixed, as required by the said Act:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that no new burial-

ground shall be opened in the said civil parish without the previous approval of the Local Government Board, and that burials in the said parish shall be discontinued as follows, viz. :—

OTHERY.—Forthwith and entirely in the Church of Saint Michael, Boroughbridge, in the parish of Othery, in the county of Somerset; and in the churchyard after the thirty-first of March, one thousand nine hundred and three, except as follows :—

(a.) In any vault or walled grave now existing in the said churchyard burial may be allowed subject to the condition that every coffin buried in such vault or grave be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented.

A. W. Fitz Roy.

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