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CHAPTER 20.

An Act to amend the Law in respect to the Discovery and Interment of Persons drowned. [4th June 1886.]

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WHEREAS an Act was passed in the forty-eighth year of the reign of King George the Third, intituled "An Act for "providing suitable interment in churchyards or parochial burying "grounds in England for such dead human bodies as may be cast "on shore from the sea in cases of wreck or otherwise" (in this Act called "the principal Act"), and it is expedient to amend the same and make it applicable to the discovery and interment of dead human bodies cast on shore from any tidal or navigable waters, or found in any such tidal or navigable waters and brought on shore:

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Extension of provisions of principal Act.

1. The provisions of the principal Act shall be deemed to extend and apply not only to dead human bodies found in or cast on shore from the sea by wreck or otherwise, but also to any dead human body or dead human bodies found in or cast on shore from any tidal or navigable waters, and to all such body or bodies found floating or sunken in any such waters and brought on to the shore or bank thereof: Provided, that notice of the finding of any such body or bodies shall be deemed to be duly given in pursuance of the principal Act if given to a police constable within the time specified in that Act, and such constable shall forthwith communicate the same to the parish officers mentioned in the said Act.

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