shall have served in such Office Twenty-five Years, and an Annuity not exceeding Five Sixths in case such Master shall have served in such Office for Thirty Years or more, in which Letters Patent the Cause or Ground for making thereof shall be distinctly stated and specified; and the Annuity so granted shall be paid accordingly out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, by even and equal quarterly Payments on the Fifth Day of *January*, Fifth of *April*, Fifth of *July*, and Tenth of *October* in every Year, to such Master, from the Period at which he shall resign his said Office, for the Term of his natural Life, without any Deduction for Fees, Poundage, or otherwise: Provided always, that no Annuity shall in any Case be granted under this Act to any Master unless such Master shall have served in Office during the full Term of Ten Years.

Power to diminish or increase Number of Officers, and their Salaries.

XXX. And be it enacted, That if at any Time after the Commencement of this Act it shall be found that the Establishments of the Offices of the said Court of Chancery, or any of them, are in point of Number of Assistants or Clerks either excessive or insufficient, or that it is expedient either to diminish or increase the Salaries of the Officers, Assistants, or Clerks, or any of them, the Lord Chancellor shall notify the same to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, stating the Circumstances which may have caused any such Changes to be necessary or expedient, and thereupon it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized, by their Warrant, to reduce or increase such Establishments or Salaries, as the Case may require, provided that no Salary shall be so diminished unless when the Office or Employment for which it is payable shall be vacant; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of the Treasury to remove the requisite Number of Persons from any Office or Offices in which the Business shall have decreased to any Office or Offices in which it shall have increased, and every such Arrangement, Removal, or Appointment, Reduction or Increase, to be made by the said Commissioners shall be as good and valid as if the same had been made by, under, or by virtue of this Act, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Interpretation of Terms.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That in the Construction of this Act the Expression "Her Majesty" shall mean also and include the Heirs and Successors of Her Majesty; and the Expression "Lord Chancellor" shall mean also and include the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper and Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal of *Ireland*, for the Time being; and that Words in this Act importing the Singular Number or the Masculine Gender shall be understood to include several Matters as well as one Matter, and several Persons as well as one Person, and Females as well as Males, and Bodies Corporate as well as Individuals; and this Act shall only extend to that Part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland*.

Act may be amended, &c.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That this Act may be altered, amended, or repealed during this Session of Parliament.

CAP. LII.

An Act to make better Provision for the Interment of the Dead in and near the Metropolis. [5th *August* 1850.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to make better Provision for the Interment of the Dead in 'and near the Metropolis:' Be it therefore 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, That the Cities and Liberties of *London* and *Westminster* respectively, the Borough of *Southwark*, and the Parishes, Townships, Precincts, and Places mentioned in the Schedule (A.) to this Act, shall for the Purposes of this Act be One District, to be called "The Metropolitan Burial District."

London, Westminster, Southwark, and the Places named in Schedule (A.), to form "The Metropolitan Burial District."

II. And

General Board of Health to execute this Act.

Her Majesty may appoint an additional Member.

Board incorporated.

II. And be it enacted, That the General Board of Health shall act in the Execution of this Act; and it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, from Time to Time, by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual, to appoint One Member of such Board in addition to the Members of such Board which Her Majesty may be authorized to appoint under any other Act or Acts, and at Pleasure to remove the Member so appointed; and such Board shall for the Purposes of this Act be One Body Politic and Corporate by the Name of "The General Board of Health," and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and shall sue and be sued, and have Power and Authority (without any Licence in Mortmain) to take, purchase, and hold Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments for the Purposes of this Act.

Power to Board to appoint and remove Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Board from Time to Time to appoint or employ, for the Purposes of this Act, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, and such Clerks and Officers. and for and in each Burial Ground to be provided by the said Board under this Act a Warden, and such Assistants, Grave-diggers, and other Servants as they deem necessary, and to remove such Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Clerks, Wardens, Officers, and Servants, or any of them.

Appointments limited to Duration of Appointments under Public Health Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That no additional Member of the said Board to be appointed under this Act, and no Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or other Officer to be appointed as aforesaid, shall hold his Office after the Expiration of the Period for which "The Public Health Act, 1848," provides that the said General Board of Health shall be continued.

Board to provide Offices.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Board shall provide such Offices as they may think necessary for the Purposes of this Act, and for providing such Offices may purchase by Agreement or take on Lease any Lands which may appear to them convenient for the same.

Power to Board to provide Burial Grounds, and enlarge them if necessary.

Power to purchase Lands for Burial Grounds.

VI. And be it enacted, That the said Board shall from Time to Time provide, in such Places as, having regard to the Public Health, may appear to them expedient, and either within or without the Limits of the District, Burial Grounds of sufficient Extent for the decent Interment of the Bodies of all Persons dying within the District; and it shall be lawful for the said Board, from Time to Time, in case it appear to them necessary or expedient so to do, to enlarge any Burial Ground provided by them under this Act, and to make any Road to such Burial Ground, or, with the Consent of the Owner of any existing Road, or of the Persons in whom the Management thereof may by Law be vested, to widen or improve such existing Road, for facilitating the Approach to such Burial Ground; and for providing any Burial Ground under this Act, or enlarging any such Burial Ground, or making, widening, or improving Roads or Approaches thereto, it shall be lawful for the said Board to purchase by Agreement any Lands which it may appear to them expedient to purchase for such Purpose.

Power to Board to purchase Cemeteries.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That for the Purposes of this Act the said Board may, if they see fit, purchase and take by Agreement or otherwise all or any of the Cemeteries mentioned in the Schedule (B.) to this Act, subject to the Rights to Graves, Vaults, and Monuments subsisting therein, and, subject to such subsisting Rights, and save as herein-after mentioned, all the Provisions of this Act concerning Burial Grounds provided thereunder shall extend to the Cemeteries purchased as aforesaid; provided that no such Cemetery shall be taken otherwise than by Agreement after the Expiration of Two Years from the passing of this Act.

Before Purchase of Land for Burial Grounds the Board to give Six Weeks Notice by Advertisement for Tenders.

VIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That before the said Board enter into any Agreement for the Purchase of any Lands as aforesaid for the Site of any Burial Ground, (save any such Cemetery as aforesaid, or any Land required for enlarging any such Cemetery or Burial Ground,) they shall give public Notice, by Advertisement to be inserted not less than Twice in each of Two daily Newspapers published in *London* or *Westminster*, inviting Tenders by Persons willing to sell Lands for the Purposes for which the same are required by the said Board; and no such Agreement for Purchase as aforesaid shall be entered into by the said Board until the Expiration of Six Weeks from the Time of the Insertion of the First of such Advertisements.

Board to enclose and lay out Burial Grounds, erect Buildings, and build Chapels.

IX. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Board to enclose and lay out the Burial Grounds provided under this Act, in such Manner, and to erect and make therein such Buildings and other Works, as may appear to them fitting and proper, and to build in every such Burial Ground a suitable Chapel for the Performance of Burial Service according to the Rites of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, or where there is any Chapel already built and consecrated according to the Rites of the said United Church, in any Cemetery purchased under this Act, to enlarge such Chapel, if it appear to the said Board necessary so to do for the Performance of such Service; and every such Chapel, and every Burial Ground, provided under this Act, except such Portion thereof as may not be intended to be used for the Burial of the Dead according to the Rites of the said United Church, may be consecrated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese within which such Chapel is situated; and every Chapel consecrated according to the Rites of the said United Church in any Burial Ground provided under this Act, and the Portion consecrated as aforesaid of every such Burial Ground, shall be subject to the Jurisdiction of the said Bishop, and no Service shall be performed in the Burial of the Dead in the Portion consecrated according to the Rites of the said United Church of any Burial Ground provided under this Act otherwise than according to the Rites of such Church.

Power to Board to appoint Chaplains, who shall be licensed by and subject to the Jurisdiction of the Bishop.

X. And be it enacted, That the said Board shall from Time to Time appoint so many Clerks in Holy Orders as they may think necessary to be Chaplains to officiate in the Burial Grounds provided under this Act, and such Chaplains shall be licensed by and subject to the Jurisdiction of the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Consent of the Incumbent of the Parish in which any such Burial Ground may be situate shall not be required to the Grant of any such Licence, and every such Licence shall be revocable by the said Bishop when he thinks fit; and the said Board may assign to such Chaplains such Duties in relation to the Time and Place of the Performance of the Burial Service in the Portions consecrated as aforesaid of the Burial Grounds provided under this Act as the said Board may from Time to Time think fit; and the said Board shall have Power to remove such Chaplains: Provided always, that the Incumbent of the Parish from which any Body is brought may, by himself or his Curate, upon giving Notice as herein-after mentioned, perform such Service over such Body, where he desires so to do, and, subject to the Rights of such Incumbent and the Regulations of the said Board, any other Clerk in Holy Orders not prohibited by the Bishop, nor under Ecclesiastical Censure, may perform such Service.

A Portion of each Burial Ground not to be consecrated.

XI. And be it enacted, That a Portion of every Burial Ground provided under this Act shall not be consecrated as aforesaid, and the said Board may build thereon a suitable Chapel or Chapels for the Performance of Funeral Service; and so much of any of the Cemeteries mentioned in the said Schedule (B.) which shall be purchased under this Act as may not have been consecrated at the Time of such Purchase thereof, and may have been used or appropriated for the Purposes of Interment, shall remain unconsecrated, and where there is any Chapel on such unconsecrated Part of any such Cemetery the said Board may, if they think necessary, enlarge such Chapel for the Performance of Funeral Service.

Notice to be given in the London Gazette when a Burial Ground is provided under this Act.

XII. And be it enacted, That when the said Board have provided any Burial Ground, and have made all such Arrangements as they may think necessary for the Interment in such Ground of the Bodies of the Dead, and after the Consecration of such Portion thereof as may require Consecration, they shall give Notice in the *London Gazette* that they have provided such Burial Ground, and that Interments may be made therein; and after such Notice Interments may be made in such Burial Ground under this Act.

Queen in Council may, upon Report of Board, order Discontinuance of Interment in Churchyards, &c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That when the said Board shall be of opinion that Interment (otherwise than in the Burial Grounds provided under this Act) should be discontinued, wholly or subject to any Exception or Exceptions, in any Part or Parts of the District, they shall report to Her Majesty their Opinion accordingly, and so from Time to Time when the said Board shall be of opinion that Interment (otherwise than as aforesaid) should be so discontinued in any Part or Parts of the District in which such Interment has not been already ordered to be discontinued, or in any Place excepted from any former Order for the Discontinuance of Interment, they shall report to Her Majesty in like Manner; and at any Time after the Presentation of any such Report it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the Advice of Her Privy Council, to order that after a Time mentioned in the Order

Order Interment in the Churches, Chapels, and Churchyards, and other Burial Places, and elsewhere within any Part or Parts in any such Report or Reports and in such Order mentioned, of the District, shall be wholly discontinued, or shall be discontinued subject to any Exception or Exceptions mentioned in such Order; and any such Order may direct that the Care of any Non-parochial Burial Ground in which Interment is ordered to be discontinued shall be vested in the said Board, and may authorize such Board to cause such Ground to be fenced in such Manner as the said Board may think suitable, and otherwise to act in relation to such Ground as may appear to such Board fit and proper for securing due Respect to the Bodies interred therein, and for protecting the public Health; and every such Order shall be published in the *London Gazette;* provided that Notice of every such Report, 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, or on some other conspicuous Places within the Part or Parts of the District to which such Report relates, One Calendar Month, or, where any Order made under the "The Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848," directing the Provisions of that Act for the Prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious Diseases to be put in force, is in force within such Part or Parts, then Seven Days, at the least before such Report is so considered.

Inhabitants of Parishes comprised in the District, or within any Part of the District, in which Interment is ordered to be discontinued, to have Right of Sepulture in Burial Grounds provided under this Act.

XIV. And be it enacted, That, subject to the Provisions herein contained, and the Regulations made under this Act, the Parishioners and Inhabitants of the several Parishes and Places within the District, (after the Time from which Interment has been ordered to be discontinued in the whole District,) or within any Part or Parts of the District in which Interment has been ordered to be discontinued, after the Time from which Interment has been ordered to be discontinued therein, shall have the same Rights of Sepulture in the Portions consecrated as aforesaid of the Burial Grounds provided under this Act as they respectively would have had in the Burial Grounds in and for their several Parishes and Places; and the Incumbent of every such Parish shall, by himself or his Curate, upon giving such Notice as may be required in this Behalf by any such Regulations as aforesaid, have the same Rights and Authorities for the Performance of Religious Service in the Burial of the Bodies of the Parishioners or Inhabitants of his Parish in the Portions consecrated as aforesaid of the Burial Grounds provided under this Act as if the same were Burial Grounds of such Parish; and the Parishioners and Inhabitants and the Incumbent of every such Parish and Place shall respectively have such Rights as aforesaid, notwithstanding the Exception from any Order for Discontinuance of Interment of any Burial Ground or Burial Grounds, or Right of Burial in any Burial Ground or Burial Grounds, in or belonging to any such Parish or Place, unless in such Order as aforesaid any Burial Ground or Burial Grounds so excepted be declared to be continued for such Parish or Place in lieu of all Rights of the Parishioners and Inhabitants to Sepulture in the Burial Grounds provided under this Act; and for the Purposes of the Enactments of the Laws relating to the Poor which concern the Burial of the Bodies of poor Persons, and of all other Enactments under which Burials are authorized or directed to take place in the Burial Ground of or belonging to a Parish or Place, the Burial Grounds provided under this Act shall be deemed to be Burial Grounds of and belonging to the several Parishes and Places within the District.

As to Interments in unconsecrated Portions of Burial Grounds.

XV. And be it enacted, That, subject to the Provisions herein contained, and the Regulations made under this Act, the Portion not consecrated as aforesaid of any Burial Ground provided under this Act shall be used for the Interment of the Bodies of Persons dying within the District, when the Relatives or other Persons having the Care and Direction of the Funerals desire to have such Bodies so interred; and such Bodies may be there interred in such Manner, and with such Religious Service, Rites, or Ceremonies, as such Relatives or Persons having the Care and Direction of the Funerals may think fit; and the said Board may, upon the Request of Members of separate Religious Denominations or Sects, and upon such Terms and Conditions, not inconsistent with the known Tenets or Usages of such Religious Denominations or Sects, as the said Board may think fit, permanently appropriate and set apart or cause to be enclosed separate Parts of the Portion not consecrated as aforesaid of any Burial Ground provided under this Act to be used for the exclusive Interment of the Bodies of Persons of such separate Religious Denominations or Sects.

After Publication of Order for discontinuing Interment, no Burial to take place contrary thereto.

XVI. And be it enacted, That after the Publication in the *London Gazette* of any Order of Her Majesty in Council made under this Act ordering the Discontinuance of Interment, it shall not be lawful, after the Time in such Order mentioned, to bury the Dead in any Church, Chapel, Churchyard, or Burial Place, or elsewhere, within any Part of the District in which Interment has by any such Order been ordered to be discontinued, except as in such Order excepted, and except in the Burial Grounds provided as aforesaid, and as otherwise authorized by this Act; and every Person who shall after such Time as aforesaid bury any Body, or in anywise act or assist in the Burial of any Body, in any such Church, Chapel, Churchyard, or Burial Place, or elsewhere, within any such Part as aforesaid of the District, except as in any such Order excepted, and except in any Burial Ground provided as aforesaid, or as otherwise authorized by this Act, shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor.

Saving of certain Rights to bury in Vaults, &c.

XVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That where by virtue of any Faculty legally granted, or by Usage or otherwise, there is, at the Time of the passing of this Act, any Right of Interment in or under any Church or Chapel, or in any Vault of any Church, Chapel, Churchyard, or Burial Ground, and where any exclusive Right of Interment in any Cemetery or Burial Ground has been purchased or acquired before the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Board from Time to Time, on Application being made to them, and on being satisfied that the Exercise of such Right will not be injurious to Health, to grant Licence for the Exercise of such Right during such Time and subject to such Conditions and Restrictions as the said Board may think fit; but such Licence shall not prejudice or in anywise affect the Authority of the Ordinary, or of any other Person who if this Act had not been passed might have prohibited or controlled Interment under such Right, nor dispense with any Consent which would have been required, nor otherwise give to such Right any greater Force or Effect than the same would have had if this Act had not been passed.

Saving as to St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

XVIII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to prevent the Interment in the Cathedral Church of *Saint Paul's London*, or in the Collegiate Church of *Saint Peter's Westminster*, of the Body of any Person, where Her Majesty, by any Writing under Her Royal Sign Manual, shall signify Her Pleasure that the Body be so interred.

Order to be suspended till Compensation Money is paid.

XIX. Provided also, and be it enacted, That where any such Order of Her Majesty in Council shall affect any Cemetery mentioned in the Schedule (B.) to this Act, and not previously purchased by the said Board, the Operation of such Order as to such Cemetery shall be suspended until the Compensation in respect of the Discontinuance of Interment in such Cemetery under such Order, which may be payable under this Act to the Company to which such Cemetery belongs, has been paid; and upon Payment of such Compensation such Cemetery shall vest in the said Board, subject to the Rights subsisting therein, so far as such Rights are not inconsistent with such Order as aforesaid or with the Provisions of this Act.

Power to remove Bodies to Burial Grounds provided under this Act.

XX. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Relatives of any deceased Person, with the Consent of the Incumbent or other Person having the Care or Control of any Church, Chapel, Churchyard, Cemetery, or other Place within the District in which the Body of such deceased Person has been interred, and with the Consent of and subject to the Regulations of the said Board, and upon Payment of such Fees as may be fixed by the said Board, to cause such Body to be removed to and interred in any Burial Ground provided under this Act, without any Faculty for that Purpose.

Fees to be paid upon Interments.

XXI. And be it enacted, That there shall be paid upon all Interments in the Burial Grounds provided under this Act such Fees or Sums as the said Board shall from Time to Time fix in this Behalf, with the Approbation of One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and such Fees or Sums shall be paid to the Wardens of such Grounds, or such other Officers of the said Board as may be by them authorized to receive the same; and a Table of such Fees or Sums shall be printed and published, and shall be fixed and continued on some conspicuous Part of every such Burial Ground.

XXII. And

Management of Burial Grounds to be vested in the Board.

XXII. And be it enacted, That the said Board shall provide for the Maintenance, Planting, Decoration, and Care of the Burial Grounds provided under this Act, and shall have the Direction of the Order and Course in which such Grounds and the several Parts thereof shall be opened and used for the Purposes of Interment, and the Times at which Interments in such Burial Grounds may take place; and, subject to the Provisions of this Act, the general Management and Control of such Burial Grounds shall be vested in and exercised by the said Board.

Board may make Regulations as to Burial Grounds and Interments therein.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the said Board may make Regulations from Time to Time as to the Depth and Formation of Graves and Places of Interment, the Nature of the Coffins to be received in the Burial Grounds provided under this Act, the Time and Mode of removing Bodies, the Notice to be given in respect of Funerals, and generally as to all Matters connected with the good Order of such Burial Grounds, and the convenient Exercise of the Rights of Interment therein; and such Regulations shall be printed and published, and shall be fixed and continued on some conspicuous Part of every such Burial Ground.

Board not to permit Burials within 200 Yards of any Dwelling, or under or close to Chapels.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the said Board shall not permit any Body to be buried in any Burial Ground provided under this Act, and not previously used as a Cemetery, within Two hundred Yards of the nearest Place on which any Dwelling is erected, except only any Dwelling or Dwellings of such Officer or Officers of the said Board as they may require to be resident on the Spot for the Care of any such Burial Ground; and no Body shall be buried under any Chapel in any such Burial Ground, nor within Ten Feet of the outer Wall of such Chapel.

Register of Burials to be kept, and to be Evidence, and subject to the Regulations of 6 & 7 W. 4. c. 86. as to Searches.

XXV. And be it enacted, That all Burials within any Burial Ground provided under this Act, as well in the Part not consecrated as aforesaid as in the Part so consecrated, shall be registered in Register Books to be provided by the said Board and kept for that Purpose, according to the Laws in force by which Registers are required to be kept by the Rectors, Vicars, or Curates of Parishes or Ecclesiastical Districts in *England*, by the Warden of such Burial Ground or other Officer appointed by the said Board to that Duty, in which Register Books shall be distinguished in what Parts of the Burial Ground, and whether in the Portion consecrated as aforesaid or the Portion not so consecrated of such Ground, the several Bodies the Burials of which are entered in such Register Books are buried; and such Register Books shall be kept or indexed so as to facilitate Searches for Entries in such Books in respect of Bodies brought from the several Parishes and Places within the District; and such Register Books, or Copies or Extracts therefrom, shall be received in all Courts as Evidence of the Burials entered therein; and Copies or Transcripts of such Register Books, signed by such Warden or other Officer as aforesaid, shall be from Time to Time sent to the Registrar of the Ecclesiastical Court of the Bishop of *London*, to be kept with the Copies of the other Register Books of the Parishes within his Diocese; and the said Register Books, so far as respects Searches to be made therein and Copies and Extracts to be taken therefrom, shall be subject to the same Regulations as are provided by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for registering Births, Deaths, and Marriages in* England, so far as such Regulations relate to Register Books of Burials kept by any Rector, Vicar, or Curate.

Certificate of Registry of Death, or Coroner's Certificate, to be delivered to Officer appointed to keep Burial Registers.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That where the Body of any Person is buried in any Burial Ground provided under this Act, the Certificate of the Death of such Person having been duly registered, or the Coroner's Certificate of his Order for the Burial of the Body of such Person, (as the Case may be,) by the said Act of the Seventh Year of King *William* the Fourth required to be delivered to such Minister or officiating Person as therein mentioned, shall be delivered to the Warden or other Officer appointed to keep the Register Books of Burials in such Burial Ground; and if any Body is buried in such Burial Ground for which no such Certificate has been delivered to such Warden or other Officer as aforesaid, such Warden or Officer shall, within Seven Days next after the Burial of such Body, give Notice of such Burial to the Registrar of the District in which the Person whose Body was so buried died; and every such Notice shall contain the Name and Surname, Sex, Age, Rank, Profession or Occupation, and the Residence at the Time of Death of the said Person, or as many

many of such Particulars as may be known to such Warden or other Officer; and such Warden or other Officer, upon Failure to give such Notice within the Time aforesaid, shall be subject to the Forfeiture imposed by the said Act on a Person burying or performing any Funeral or any religious Service for the Burial of any dead Body for which no such Certificate has been duly made and delivered, and not giving Notice thereof as thereby required, and the Provisions of the said Act for and with respect to the Recovery and Application of Forfeitures thereby imposed shall be applicable to such Forfeiture; and no Person, save such Warden or Officer as aforesaid, shall in the Case of any Burial in any such Burial Ground be subject to such Forfeiture for not giving Notice of such Burial to the Registrar.

Board may provide Houses for Reception and Care of Bodies previously to Interment.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That the said Board may, at any Time after the passing of this Act, build or otherwise provide, in such Places as they think fit, Houses for the Reception and Care of the Bodies of the Dead previously to and until Interment, and make Arrangements for the Reception and Care of such Bodies therein, and appoint fit Officers for such Houses of Reception; and to carry into effect such Arrangements, and for providing such Houses of Reception, the said Board may purchase by Agreement or take on Lease such Lands or Buildings as they may think fit.

Board may make Provision for Funerals being conducted at fixed Charges.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That for securing, in the Cases of Interments in the Burial Grounds provided under this Act, to Persons having the Care and Conduct of the Funerals, the Means of having the same conducted according to a just and regulated Scale of Charges, the said Board may from Time to Time invite and receive Tenders for Contracts for the undertaking of such Funerals according to Classes arranged with reference to the Nature and Amount of the Matters and Services to be furnished and rendered, but so that in respect of the lowest of such Classes the Funeral may be conducted with Decency and Solemnity; and every such Tender shall specify the Parish or Place or several Parishes or Places from which the Person proposing to become a Contractor is willing to remove Bodies, and the Class or Classes and Number of Funerals he is willing to undertake; and the said Board may enter into such Contracts with any Persons as they may think necessary (each of which Contracts may extend to One Parish or Place or Part of a Parish or Place within the District, or include more than One such Parish or Place), binding such Contractors with the said Board to undertake during specified Terms or Periods Funerals of Persons dying within the Limits in such Contracts respectively mentioned, or any Class or Number of such Funerals, according to a fixed Scale of Payments, and with such Stipulations as may appear to the said Board necessary for insuring the decent Performance of such Funerals; and the said Board may, if they so think fit, enter into distinct Contracts for the furnishing and rendering by different Contractors of the various Matters and Services requisite for the Funerals in relation to which the said Board are herein-before authorized to enter into Contracts, and the said Board shall publish Notices of the Scale of Payments to be made for Funerals undertaken, or Matters or Services to be furnished or rendered, by such Contractors, and such other Notices as the said Board may think fit, for the Information and Convenience of Persons desirous of having Funerals conducted by such Contractors; and upon Notice by or on behalf of the Persons having the Care and Direction of any such Funeral of their Desire to have the same conducted, or any Matters or Services requisite for the same furnished or rendered, as aforesaid, and of the Class according to which they are desirous the same should be so conducted, furnished, or rendered, being given to any Contractor who, according to the Terms of his Contract with the said Board, may be liable to undertake such Funeral, or to furnish or render such Matters or Services, such Contractor and the Party by or on behalf of whom such Notice may be given shall respectively have the like Rights and be subject to the like Liabilities in respect to the Performance of such Funeral, or the furnishing or rendering of such Matters or Services, (as the Case may be,) and the Payment for the same, as if such Contractor had agreed with such Party to undertake the Funeral referred to in such Notice, and to furnish and render all such Matters and Services, and of such Nature and Description, as by the Scale fixed by his Contract with the said Board shall be prescribed in this Behalf in respect of the Class mentioned or referred to in such Notice, or (as the Case may be) to furnish or render the Matters or Services required by such Notice according to such Scale, in consideration of Payment according to such Scale.

XXIX. And

XXIX. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Board of Health and the Directors of any Railway Company, if they shall see fit, to contract for the carrying out of Bodies in properly constructed Carriages on the Line of Railway of such Company to any Burial Ground provided under this Act, and for the carrying to and from such Burial Ground of the Mourners and Attendants of the Bodies so carried, at such Prices and Charges, and for such Term of Years, as may be agreed, and every Contract so entered into by the Directors of any Railway Company shall be binding on such Company and on all future Directors thereof, anything to the contrary in any Act or special Act of such Company notwithstanding, and during the Term of such Contract such Railway Company shall carry as aforesaid any of the Bodies to be removed to the Burial Grounds provided under this Act, and the Mourners and Attendants (where the Persons having the Direction of the Funerals desire to have them so carried), at the Rate of Charge specified in such Contract: Provided always, that the Charges agreed and contracted for with the said Board shall not prejudice such Railway Company as to their Charges for carrying any Bodies other than the Bodies to be removed to the Burial Grounds provided under this Act, or as to their Charges for the general Business of carrying ordinary Passengers or Things, anything in any Act or special Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Board of Health may enter into Contracts with Railway Companies for carrying out Bodies, together with Mourners, &c.

XXX. And be it enacted, That the said Board may at any Time after the passing of this Act appoint medical or other Officers, who in the Case of Deaths within the District may, where the Persons having the Direction of the Funeral of the Deceased so desire, cause the Body of the Deceased to be decently removed to One of the Houses for the Reception of the Dead provided under this Act.

Board may provide for Removal, on Request of Relatives, of Bodies to Houses of Reception.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That there shall be paid to the Member appointed under this Act of the said Board the annual Sum herein-after mentioned in that Behalf, and to the Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Clerks, Chaplains, Wardens, and other Officers and Servants appointed for the Purposes of this Act by the said Board, such Salaries, Stipends, and Wages as shall be from Time to Time appointed by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Additional Member and Officers of Board to be paid such Salaries as Treasury may appoint.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That to compensate Incumbents for Loss of Fees the said Board shall, in respect of the Burial within the consecrated Part of any Burial Ground provided under this Act of any Body removed from any Parish within the District (save where such Body is buried at the Expense of any Union or Parish), pay to a separate Account to be kept by the Treasurer of the said Board, to be called "The Burial Service and Incumbents Compensation Fund," the Sum of Six Shillings and Two-pence, and where such Body is buried at the Expense of any Union or Parish a Sum not exceeding One Shilling, and the Board shall, out of the Monies paid to the said Account, pay the Salaries of all the Chaplains of the said Board, and shall apply the Residue of such Monies, so far as the same will extend, in Payment to the Incumbent of every Parish within the District in which Interment is discontinued under this Act an Annuity during his Incumbency, of such an Amount as the Board, with the Approbation of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall fix as a just Compensation for the Loss of Receipts in respect of Burials, to be calculated on the Average of the Receipts in respect of Burials by the Incumbents of such Parish during the Five Years next before the passing of this Act; and no Incumbent shall be entitled, under any Act of Parliament or otherwise, to any Payment, save as herein provided, in respect of any Interment under this Act in any Cemetery purchased by the said Board, or in respect of the Removal of any Body previously interred to any Burial Ground provided under this Act: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from Time to Time, upon any Vacancy in the Incumbency of any such Parish, to reduce the Amount of the Annuity to be thenceforth payable as aforesaid to the Incumbent of such Parish, in case it appear to them, having regard to the Duties of such Incumbent, and the Value of the Living, independently of any Annuity under this Act, just and expedient so to do; and the Surplus, if any, from Time to Time of the Monies paid to the said Account, after satisfying all the Purposes aforesaid, may, with the Approbation of One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State and of the Bishop of the Diocese, be applied by the said Board in augmentation of the Incomes of the Incumbents or Ministers

Compensation to Incumbents.

Ministers of any new Parishes, District Parishes, or District Chapelries formed within the several Parishes from which such Surplus may have arisen, and as near as may be according to the Proportions in which such several Parishes may have contributed to such Surplus: Provided always, that no Income shall be augmented under this Provision so as to exceed Three hundred Pounds a Year.

Compensation to Clerks and Sextons.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That for compensating Clerks and Sextons for the Loss of Fees and Sums now received in respect of Interments the said Board shall ascertain the yearly Average during the Five Years ending on the Day of the passing of this Act, in pursuance of any Order under this Act, of the Fees and Sums received by the Clerk and Sexton of such Parish in respect of Interments in the Church and Burial Ground of such Parish, and (under any Act of Parliament or otherwise) of Interments in any Cemetery of Bodies removed from such Parish; and the said Board shall, with the Approbation of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, pay to any Person who is at the Time of the passing of this Act, and on the Day from which Interment is discontinued as aforesaid continues to be, Clerk or Sexton of such Parish, and so long only as he continues to be such Clerk or Sexton, an Annuity of such Amount as may appear to the said Board to be a just Compensation for such average Receipts as aforesaid of the Clerk or Sexton respectively of such Parish, having regard to the Duties, and Payment (if any) in respect of Duties, from which such Clerk or Sexton respectively is relieved by the Discontinuance of Interment; and all Fees or Payments accruing under any Act of Parliament or otherwise to the Clerk or Sexton of any Parish, after the Time from which Interment is under this Act ordered to be discontinued therein in respect of Interments in any Cemetery of Bodies removed from such Parish, shall be paid over by such Clerk or Sexton to the said Board, to be by them applied as other Monies received by them under this Act; and after the Purchase of any Cemetery by the said Board all such Fees and Payments in respect of Interments therein shall cease to be payable: Provided always, that where the said Board provide Employment under this Act for any Sexton who would be entitled to any such Annuity as aforesaid, such Sexton shall not, in case the annual Amount of the Emoluments arising from such Employment be equal to or exceed the Amount of such Annuity, be entitled to receive any Payment in respect of such Annuity for the Time during which he continues in such Employment and in the Receipt of such Emoluments, or in case the annual Amount of such Emoluments be less than the Amount of such Annuity, then such Sexton shall be entitled to receive (for the Time he continues in such Employment and in Receipt of such Emoluments) in respect of such Annuity the Difference only between the annual Amount of such Emoluments and such Annuity.

Compensation to be made for Fees payable for Parochial Purposes.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That where Fees or any Portion of Fees payable on Interments in any Burial Ground or Place of Burial in which Interments may be discontinued under the Provisions of this Act are by Law payable to the Churchwardens or Vestrymen of any Parish or Trustees or other Persons for or towards any Parochial Purpose or the Discharge of any Debt or Liability, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall direct Payment to be made by the said Board to such Churchwardens, Vestrymen, Trustees, or other Persons after Discontinuance of Interment in such Burial Ground or Place of Burial, under the Provisions of this Act, as Compensation for the Loss of such Fees or Portion of Fees, of an Annuity of such Amount and to be payable during such Term as may appear to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury just, having regard to the Sums received in respect of such Fees or Portion of Fees and of any Expenses from which such Parish may be relieved by the Discontinuance of Interments under this Act, and to the Purposes to which such Fees or Portion of Fees were or was legally applicable, such Loss to be calculated on the Average of the Sums so received, and of such Expenses as aforesaid, during the Five Years next before the passing of this Act.

Debts incurred by Parishes for Purchase of Burial Grounds to be discharged by Board where

XXXV. And be it enacted, That where any Burial Ground or Land for a Burial Ground for any Parish has been purchased by any Persons by Law authorized in that Behalf, and any Debt incurred by or on behalf of such Parish in respect of the Purchase Money of such Ground or Land, or of any Money borrowed for Payment thereof, or any Annuities or Annuity granted in respect of any such Purchase Money, shall at the Time of the Discontinuance

tinuance under this Act of Interment in such Burial Ground remain owing from or charged upon such Parish, or upon any Property thereof or Rates to be raised therein, and no Annuity shall be payable under the Provision herein-before contained to the Churchwardens or other Persons on behalf of such Parish as Compensation for the Loss of any Fees or Portion of Fees on Interments in such Burial Ground, such Parish and such Property and Rates respectively shall be indemnified by the said Board against such Debt, and all Interest to accrue thereon after the Time of such Discontinuance of Interment, and all Sums to accrue payable after such Discontinuance in respect of such Annuities or Annuity.

the Parishes are not entitled to be compensated by Annuity.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That where any Order for the Discontinuance of Interment as aforesaid shall affect any Burial Ground other than the Burial Ground of any Parish, Compensation shall be made by the said Board to all Persons interested in such Burial Ground for the Loss or Damage which may be sustained by them by reason of the Discontinuance of such Interments as might lawfully have been made in such Ground in case Interment therein had not been discontinued under this Act, provided such Persons shall within Three Calendar Months after the Time from which Interment is, under such Order as aforesaid, to be discontinued in such Ground, state in Writing to the said Board the Particulars of their Claim for such Loss or Damage; and the Expense which may be occasioned to any Body or Sect by the Necessity of making other Provision for such Interments as might lawfully have been made in such Ground shall be deemed Loss or Damage within this Enactment, and may be claimed by the Trustee or Trustees, or a Majority of the Trustees, of such Ground, though no Profit or Income would have been derived from such Interments.

Compensation in respect of Non-parochial Burial Grounds.

XXXVII. And be it enacted, That where any Vault or Right of Interment in any Place of Burial in which Interment is discontinued under this Act has been acquired before the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and fifty, and is at the Time of such Discontinuance of Interment vested in any Person as private Property, the said Board may and shall, on Application being made to them within Six Calendar Months from the Time from which Interment is so discontinued, grant such Vault or Right of Interment in any Burial Ground provided under this Act as may be a just Equivalent for such first-mentioned Vault or Right.

Power to compensate individual Rights in closed Burial Places by the Grant of equivalent Rights in the new Grounds.

XXXVIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Board, on the Request of the Relatives or other Persons having the Care and Direction of the Funeral, to pay to the Minister or Person performing Religious Rites or Service on the Interment of any Body in the unconsecrated Portion of any Burial Ground provided under this Act (save where such Body is buried at the Expense of any Union or Parish) such Fee not exceeding Six Shillings and Two-pence, and when such Body is buried at the Expense of any Union or Parish such Fee not exceeding One Shilling, as the said Board may think fit.

Fee may, at the Request of Relatives, be paid to Minister performing Service on Interments in unconsecrated Ground.

XXXIX. And be it enacted, That all Fees and Sums which shall be received under this Act by the Wardens or other Officers or Servants of the said Board on account of the said Board shall be by such Wardens or Officers receiving the same forthwith paid to the Treasurer of the said Board, and by such Treasurer forthwith paid into the Bank of *England*, to the Credit of an Account to be intituled "The Account of the General Board of Health under the Metropolitan Interments Act, 1850."

Money received by Officers to be paid into the Bank.

XL. And be it enacted, That before the Treasurer or any Officer or Servant appointed under this Act shall enter upon any Office or Employment under the Board by reason whereof he will or may be intrusted with the Custody or Control of Money, the said Board shall require and take from him such Security for the faithful Execution of such Office or Employment, and for duly accounting for all Monies which may be intrusted to him by reason thereof, as they may think sufficient.

Treasurer and others intrusted with Money to give Security for duly accounting for the same.

XLI. And be it enacted, That the Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* under this Act shall be paid out upon Drafts or Orders signed by the Treasurer, and countersigned by Two or more Members of the said Board.

As to Payments out of the Bank.

XLII. And be it enacted, That the Expenses of providing Burial Grounds, and the Salaries and Wages of the Member to be appointed under this Act of the said Board, and of

Expenses under this Act to be defrayed out of

Monies received thereunder.

of all Officers and Servants of the said Board appointed under this Act, the Stipends of the Chaplains under this Act, and all other Expenses of the said Board under this Act, inclusive of the Compensations to be paid by them thereunder, shall be defrayed out of the Fees and Sums to be received by them under this Act, and in case such Fees or Sums be at any Time insufficient to defray all such Expenses, out of any Rate or Rates to be made under this Act.

Salary of additional Member of Board of Health.

XLIII. And be it enacted, That the Salary of the additional Member of such Board to be appointed and fixed as aforesaid shall not exceed the annual Sum of Twelve hundred Pounds, and shall be defrayed out of the Fees and Sums received by the said Board under this Act.

Fees, Payments, and Rates may be mortgaged.

XLIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Board, for the Purposes of defraying any Expenses incurred or to be incurred by them in the Execution of this Act, and with the Approbation of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to borrow and take up at Interest any Sums of Money necessary for defraying any such Expenses; and for the Purpose of securing the Repayment of any Sums so borrowed, together with such Interest as aforesaid, the said Board may mortgage and assign over to the Persons by or on behalf of whom such Sums are advanced all or any of the Fees and Payments to be received under this Act, and also the Rates to be made and collected under this Act; and the respective Mortgagees shall be entitled to a Proportion of the Fees, Payments, and Rates comprised in their respective Mortgages according to the Sums in such Mortgages mentioned to have been advanced; and each Mortgagee shall be entitled to be repaid the Sum so advanced, with Interest, without any Preference over any other Mortgagee or Mortgagees by reason of any Priority of Advance or the Date of his Mortgage.

No Priority amongst Mortgagees.

Commissioners of Public Works acting under 5 & 6 Vict. c. 9. may make Advances to the Board.

XLV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners acting in the Execution of an Act passed in the Second Session of the Fifth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to authorize the Advance of Money out of the Consolidated Fund to a limited Amount, for carrying on Public Works and Fisheries and Employment of the Poor, and to amend the Acts authorizing the Issue of Exchequer Bills for the like Purposes*, and in the Execution of any of the Acts recited in that Act, or of any Act or Acts for amending or continuing the same Acts or any of them, to make Advances to the said Board, upon the Security of all or any of the Fees, Payments, and Rates to be received or made and collected by the said Board under this Act, and without requiring any further or other Security than a Mortgage of such Fees, Payments, and Rates.

Money may be borrowed at lower Rates of Interest to pay off Securities bearing a higher Rate.

XLVI. And be it enacted, That if the said Board can at any Time borrow at a lower Rate of Interest than that secured by any Mortgage previously made by them, and then outstanding and in force, it shall be lawful for them, with the Approbation of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, so to borrow accordingly, in order to pay off and discharge any of the Securities bearing a higher Rate of Interest, and to charge the Fees, Payments, and Rates which they are authorized to mortgage under this Act with Payment of the Sum so borrowed, together with the Interest thereon, in such Manner and subject to such Provisions as are herein contained with respect to other Monies borrowed upon Mortgage.

Power to borrow Money to pay off former Mortgages.

XLVII. And be it enacted, That if at the Time appointed in any Mortgage Deed for Payment of any Principal Money secured thereby the said Board are unable to pay off the same, it shall be lawful for them, with the Approbation of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to borrow such Sum of Money as may be necessary for the Purpose of paying off the whole or any Part of the said Principal Money, and to secure the Repayment of the Money so borrowed, and the Interest to be paid thereon, in the same Manner in all respects as in the Case of Money borrowed for defraying Expenses incurred by the said Board in the Execution of this Act.

Form of Mortgage.

XLVIII. And be it enacted, That every Mortgage authorized to be made under this Act shall be by Deed duly stamped, truly stating the Date, Consideration, and the Time of Payment, and shall be sealed with the Seal of the said Board, and may be made according

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to the Form contained in the Schedule (C.) to this Act annexed, or to the like Effect, or with such Variations or Additions in each Case as the said Board and the Party advancing the Money intended to be thereby secured may agree upon; and there shall be kept at the principal Office of the said Board a Register of the Mortgages under this Act; and within Fourteen Days after the Date of any Mortgage an Entry shall be made in the proper Register of the Number and Date thereof, and of the Names and Descriptions of the Parties thereto, as stated in the Deed; and every such Register shall be open to public Inspection during Office Hours at the said Office, without Fee or Reward; and any Clerk or other Person having the Custody of the same, refusing to allow such Inspection, shall for every such Offence, on summary Conviction thereof before Two Justices of the Peace, be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds. Register of Mortgages.

XLIX. And be it enacted, That the said Board may, if they think proper, fix a Time or Times for the Repayment of all or any Principal Monies borrowed under this Act, and the Payment of the Interest thereof respectively, and may provide for the Repayment of such Monies, with Interest, by Instalments or otherwise, as they may think fit; and in case the said Board fix the Time or Times of Repayment, they shall cause such Time or Times to be inserted in the Mortgage Deed; and at the Time or Times so fixed for Payment thereof, such Principal Monies and Interest respectively shall, on Demand, be paid to the Party entitled to receive the same accordingly; and if no other Place of Payment be inserted in the Mortgage Deed, the Principal and Interest shall be payable at the principal Office of the said Board. Repayment of Money borrowed at a Time agreed upon.

L. And be it enacted, That, unless otherwise provided by any Mortgage, the Interest of the Money borrowed thereupon shall be paid half-yearly; and if no Time be fixed in the Mortgage Deed for the Repayment of the Money so borrowed, the Party entitled to receive such Money may, at the Expiration or at any Time after the Expiration of Twelve Months from the Date of such Deed, demand Payment of the Principal Money thereby secured, with all Arrears of Interest, upon giving to the said Board Six Calendar Months previous Notice for that Purpose; and in the like Case the said Board may at any Time pay off the Money borrowed, on giving the like Notice to the Party entitled as aforesaid, or by Advertisement in the "*London Gazette*;" and if the said Board have given Notice of their Intention to pay off any such Mortgage at a Time when the same may lawfully be paid off by them, then, at the Expiration of such Notice, all further Interest shall cease to be payable thereon, unless, on Demand of Payment made pursuant to such Notice, or at any Time thereafter, the said Board fail to pay the Principal and Interest due at the Expiration of such Notice on such Mortgage. Interest on Mortgages to be paid half-yearly. Repayment of Money borrowed when no Time or Place has been agreed upon. Interest to cease on Expiration of Notice to pay off a Mortgage Debt.

LI. And be it enacted, That the Books of Account of the said Board shall be open at all seasonable Times to the Inspection of the Mortgagees or Transferees of Mortgagees under this Act, with Liberty to make Extracts therefrom, without Fee or Reward; and any Clerk or other Person having the Custody of such Books, and refusing to allow such Inspection or such Extracts to be made, shall for every such Offence, on summary Conviction thereof before Two Justices of the Peace, be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds. Account Books to be open to Mortgagees.

LII. And be it enacted, That any Mortgagee or other Person entitled to any Mortgage under this Act may transfer his Estate and Interest therein to any other Person by Deed duly stamped, truly stating its Date, the Names and Descriptions of the Parties thereto, and the Consideration for the Transfer; and such Transfer may be according to the Form contained in the Schedule (D.) to this Act annexed, or to the like Effect; and there shall be kept at the principal Office of the said Board a Register of the Transfers of Mortgages under this Act; and within Thirty Days after the Date of such Deed of Transfer, if executed within the United Kingdom, or within Thirty Days after its Arrival in the United Kingdom if executed elsewhere, the same shall be produced to the Clerk or other Person having the Custody of such Register, who shall, upon Payment of the Sum of Two Shillings, cause an Entry to be made in such Register of its Date, and of the Names and Description of the Parties thereto, as stated in the Transfer; and upon any Transfer being so registered the Transferee, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall be entitled Transfer of Mortgages. Register of Transfers.

to the full Benefit of the original Mortgage, and the Principal and Interest secured thereby; and every such Transferee may in like Manner transfer his Estate and Interest in any such Mortgage; and no Person, except the Person to whom the same shall have been last transferred, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall be entitled to release or discharge any such Mortgage, or any Money secured thereby.

Board may form a sinking Fund for Discharge of Mortgages.

LIII. And be it enacted, That in order to provide a Fund for the Discharge of any Money which has been borrowed under the Powers of this Act it shall be lawful for the said Board from Time to Time to cause any Money received by them under this Act, and which for the Time being shall not be required for any other Purposes of this Act, to be invested in the Purchase of Exchequer Bills, or Government Stocks, Funds, or Securities, and from Time to Time to cause to be invested in like Manner the Interest and Dividends thereof, so as to accumulate the same at Compound Interest, until the same can be applied for the Discharge of such Money borrowed, or for any other Purposes of this Act.

After Discontinuance of Interment, in case of Deficiency of other Payments, Board may order Overseers to levy a Rate.

LIV. And be it enacted, That after Interment has been ordered to be discontinued within the District or any Part thereof, in case it appear to the said Board that the Fees and Sums received by them under this Act will be insufficient in any Year to defray their Expenses, and to provide for the Payments in respect of Monies borrowed under this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Board, with the Approbation of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury and One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to issue a Warrant under their Seal to the Overseers of the Poor of every Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place within the District (where Interment has been ordered to be discontinued in the whole District), or the Part thereof within which Interment has been ordered to be discontinued, by which Warrant they shall command the said Overseers, out of the Money collected for the Relief of the Poor in such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, to pay the Amount mentioned in the Warrant for the Purposes of this Act, or to levy such Amount as a Part of the Rate for the Relief of the Poor in such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, and that the Overseers shall pay over the Amount mentioned in the Warrant to the Treasurer of the said Board, within Forty Days from the Delivery of such Warrant to any One of the Overseers: Provided always, that the Sum to be so paid for the Purposes of this Act shall not exceed in the whole in any One Year the Rate of One Penny in the Pound on the full and fair annual Value of all Property rateable for the Relief of the Poor within such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, such full and fair annual Value to be computed according to the last Valuation for the Time being acted upon in assessing the County Rate, where any County Rate is assessed on such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place; and the Warrant shall specify the Rate in the Pound at which the Sum mentioned therein shall be computed: Provided also, that the said Board may issue such Warrant as aforesaid to the Overseers of any Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, notwithstanding the Exception from any Order for Discontinuance of Interment of any Burial Ground or Burial Grounds, or Right of Burial in any Burial Ground or Burial Grounds, in or belonging to any such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, unless in such Order as aforesaid any Burial Ground or Burial Grounds so excepted be declared to be continued for such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, in lieu of all Rights of the Parishioners and Inhabitants to Sepulture in the Burial Grounds provided under this Act.

Not to exceed 1*d.* in the Pound in any One Year, according to the Valuation for County Rate.

Who to be deemed Overseers within this Act.

LV. And be it enacted, That where any Persons other than the Overseers of the Poor, by virtue of any Office or Appointment, are authorized and required to make and collect or cause to be collected the Rate for the Relief of the Poor in any Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place within the Metropolitan Burial District, such Persons, by whatsoever Title they may be called, shall be deemed to be Overseers of the Poor within the Meaning of this Act, and to be included under and denoted by the Words "Overseers of the Poor," for all the Purposes of this Act, as fully as if they were commonly called or known by the Title of Overseers of the Poor.

Overseers shall collect the Burial Rate in the same Manner as the Poor Rate.

LVI. And be it enacted, That the Overseers of the Poor of every Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place within the Metropolitan Burial District, to whom any such Warrant as aforesaid shall be issued, shall pay the Amount mentioned in the Warrant out of any Money in their Hands collected for the Relief of the Poor; and if there be no such Money in their Hands,

Hands, or an insufficient Sum, they shall levy the Amount required as a Part of the Rate for the Relief of the Poor, and shall for that Purpose proceed in the same Manner, and have the same Powers, Remedies, and Privileges as for levying Money for the Relief of the Poor; and such Overseers shall pay to the said Treasurer the Amount mentioned in the Warrant within the Time specified for that Purpose, and at the Time of making any Payment to the said Treasurer shall deliver to him a Note in Writing signed by them, specifying the Amount so paid, which Note shall be kept by the said Treasurer as a Voucher for his Receipt of that particular Amount; and the Receipt of the said Treasurer, specifying the Amount paid to him by the Overseers, shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Overseers for such Amount, and shall be allowed as such in passing their Accounts with their respective Parishes, Townships, Precincts, or Places.

Receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient Discharge.

LVII. And be it enacted, That in case the Amount ordered by such Warrant as aforesaid to be paid by the Overseers in any Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place in the Metropolitan Burial District shall not be paid to the said Treasurer within the Time specified for that Purpose in the Warrant, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace, upon Complaint by the said Treasurer, to issue his Warrant for levying the Amount, or so much thereof as may be in arrear, by Distress and Sale of the Goods of all or any of the said Overseers; and in case the Goods of all the Overseers shall not be sufficient to pay the same, the Arrears thereof shall be added to the Amount of the next Levy which shall be directed to be made in such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place for the Purposes of this Act, and shall be collected by the like Methods.

Overseers, on Nonpayment of the Rate, shall be distrained upon;

and in default of Distress, the Arrears may be re-levied on the Parish.

LVIII. And be it enacted, That any Member of the said Board, or any Person having an Order for that Purpose under the Hands of Two Members of the said Board, may inspect any County Rate made or to be made for any County any Part of which shall be situate within the Metropolitan Burial District, and may also inspect any Returns concerning all or any of the Parishes, Townships, Precincts, and Places, whether parochial or extra-parochial, in the said District, delivered or to be delivered in pursuance of any of the Acts relating to County Rates, and may take Copies or Extracts from any such Rates or Returns without Payment of any Fee or Reward; and if any Person having the Custody of any such Rate or Return shall wilfully neglect or refuse to permit any such Member or other Person to inspect the same, or to take Copies or Extracts from the same, within Two Days after such Order shall have been produced and shown to him, or a Copy thereof left at his usual Place of Abode, he shall for every such Offence, on summary Conviction thereof before Two Justices of the Peace, be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Power to Board, &c. to inspect County Rates, &c.

LIX. 'And whereas it is expedient to provide for those Precincts and Places in the 'Metropolitan Burial District in which no Rate is made for the Relief of the Poor, or in 'which Property may be deemed not to be rateable thereto:' Be it therefore enacted, That the respective Inhabitants and Occupiers of all Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in any Precinct or Place, whether parochial or extra-parochial, in the Metropolitan Burial District, although such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments may not be rated to the Relief of the Poor, or may be deemed not to be rateable thereto, shall nevertheless be liable to contribute under this Act as if the Property so inhabited or occupied were rateable and rated to the Relief of the Poor; and the said Board may from Time to Time, by Warrant under their Seal, appoint a proper Person to be an Assessor, for the Purpose of assessing the full and fair annual Value of such Property, and rating the same to a Rate to be levied under this Act: Provided always, that the Sum to be so levied shall not exceed in the whole in any One Year the Rate of One Penny in the Pound on the full and fair annual Value of such Property; and such Assessor shall, within Forty Days after the Delivery to him of the Warrant of his Appointment, make, sign, and return to the said Board an Assessment for the Precinct or Place named in such Warrant; and the Assessment shall be fairly written in a Book, and shall specify, in different Columns, the Names of the respective Inhabitants or Occupiers of all Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, the full and fair annual Value of the same, and the Amount of Rate charged on the Inhabitants or Occupiers thereof, and, when the Premises shall be unoccupied, the full and fair annual Value thereof to let; and every such Assessor shall be allowed for his Trouble and Expenses

Provision for assessing and levying Rate in those Places within the District where there is no Poor Rate.

Mode of making the Assessment.

Allowance to Assessors.

Expenses such Remuneration as the said Board, with the Approbation of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall direct, and the same shall be paid out of the Amount of the Rate which shall be collected after such Assessment.

When Assessment is made, Notice thereof shall be given, and all Persons included in the Assessment shall have Liberty to inspect it, &c.

LX. And be it enacted, That when such Assessment shall have been allowed by the said Board, public Notice of such Assessment, and of the Place where the same may be inspected, shall be given by fixing such Notice on the Door of the Church or Chapel or some other conspicuous Part of the Precinct or Place to which such Assessment shall relate, upon the *Sunday* next or next but one after the same shall have been so allowed; and any Person in whose Custody such Assessment may be shall permit every Inhabitant or Occupier of Property included in such Assessment to inspect the same, and to make any Extracts therefrom, without Payment of any Fee or Reward; and if such Person shall wilfully neglect or refuse to permit any such Inhabitant or Occupier to inspect such Assessment, or to make any Extract therefrom, he shall for every such Offence, on summary Conviction thereof before Two Justices of the Peace, be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty for refusing such Inspection.

Collection of the Rate charged in such Assessment.

LXI. And be it enacted, That the said Board shall from Time to Time nominate One or more Person or Persons for levying the Amount of Rate charged in every such Assessment, who shall proceed in the same Manner, and shall have the same Powers, Remedies, and Privileges, and shall be subject to the same Regulations and Penalties, with reference to the levying of such Rate, as if he or they were an Overseer or Overseers of the Poor in a Precinct or Place rated to the Relief of the Poor, and shall pay over the Amount of such Rate to the Treasurer of the said Board, or in default thereof shall be proceeded against in the same Manner as Overseers are by this Act to be proceeded against for Nonpayment.

Appeal against Assessment.

LXII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Person who shall have paid the Amount of Rate charged upon him by the Assessment made by an Assessor appointed under this Act shall think himself aggrieved by such Assessment, on the Ground that such Assessment includes any Property for which he is not rateable under this Act, or that it assesses his rateable Property beyond its full and fair annual Value, or that any Person or Persons is or are omitted out of such Assessment, or that the Property of any Person or Persons is assessed below its full and fair annual Value, the Person so aggrieved may appeal to the next Court of General or Quarter Sessions which shall be holden for the County, Corporation, or Franchise in which the Cause of Appeal shall have arisen, not less than Twenty-one Days after public Notice of such Assessment shall have been given as herein-before mentioned; provided that the Person so intending to appeal shall give to the said Board a Notice in Writing of such Appeal, and of the Cause and Matter thereof, Ten clear Days at the least before such Sessions, and shall also, within Three Days after his Notice of Appeal, enter into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace of the County, Corporation, or Franchise, with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal at the said Sessions, and to abide the Order of the Court thereupon, and to pay such Costs as shall be by the Court awarded; and in case such Person shall appeal on the Ground that any Person or Persons is or are omitted out of the Assessment, or that the Property of any Person or Persons is assessed below its full and fair annual Value, the Party so appealing shall not only give such Notice of Appeal to the said Board, and enter into such Recognizance as aforesaid, but shall also give a like Notice of Appeal to the Person or Persons so interested in the Event of such Appeal as aforesaid, and shall enter into a like Recognizance within the Times herein-before respectively mentioned; and the Person or Persons so interested shall, if he or they shall desire it, be heard upon the Appeal; and the Justices of the Peace at such Sessions, or some Adjournment thereof, upon due Proof of the Notice having been given, and of the Recognizance having been entered into as aforesaid, shall hear and determine the Matter of the Appeal in a summary Manner, and shall make such Order therein, with or without Costs to either Party, as the said Justices shall think proper; and in case the said Justices shall think the Appellant entitled to Relief, they shall order the Assessment to be amended in such Manner as may be necessary for giving him Relief, and shall also order any Money paid by him which he was not liable to pay to be returned to him; and in case he shall have appealed on the Ground that any Person or Persons is or are omitted out of the Assessment, the said Justices may order the Name or Names of such Person or Persons

The Assessment may be altered to relieve the Appellant without altering any other Part of it.

sons to be inserted in the Assessment, and to be therein rated at such Amount as they shall deem just; and in case the Appellant shall have appealed on the Ground that the Property of any Person or Persons is assessed below its full and fair annual Value, the said Justices may order the Amount at which such Person or Persons is or are rated in the Assessment to be altered in such Manner as they shall deem just; and the proper Officer of the Court shall in each of the Cases aforesaid forthwith amend the Assessment accordingly, but the Assessment shall not be quashed or altered with respect to any other Persons named therein; and the Determination of the Justices at any such Sessions or Adjournment shall be final and conclusive.

Accounts to be kept.

LXIII. And be it enacted, That the said Board shall cause Books to be provided and kept, and full and correct Accounts to be entered therein of all Fees, Payments, Rates, and other Monies received, levied, and recovered by the said Board, and of the Application thereof, distinguishing the Times and Purposes when and for which Monies were received and paid; and the Rate-payers and every Mortgagee under this Act may at all reasonable Times inspect and take Copies of or Extracts from such Books, without Fee or Reward; and any Clerk or other Person having the Custody of such Books who shall not, on any reasonable Demand of any such Rate-payer or Mortgagee as aforesaid, permit him to inspect such Books, or to take such Copies or Extracts as aforesaid, shall for every such Offence, on summary Conviction thereof before Two Justices of the Peace, be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds; and the said Board shall, in the Month of *January* in each Year, cause their Accounts to be balanced up to the Thirty-first Day of *December* of the preceding Year; and the said Board shall cause a full Statement and Account to be drawn out of the Amount of all Contracts entered into, and of all Monies received and expended, by virtue of this Act, during such preceding Year, under the several distinct Heads of Receipt and Expenditure, and also of all Arrears of Rates and other Monies then owing to the said Board, and of all Mortgages and other Debts then owing by the said Board; and the said Board shall give public Notice, by Advertisement to be inserted not less than twice in each of Two daily Morning Newspapers circulating in *London* and *Westminster*, that such Statement and Account is prepared and ready for the Inspection of the Rate-payers and Mortgagees, and of the Day fixed for auditing the Accounts; and the said Board shall allow such Statement and Account to remain for Inspection at their principal Office; and every such Rate-payer and Mortgagee may at all reasonable Times before the Day of Audit inspect such Statement and Account, and compare the same with the Books and Documents relating thereto in the Possession of the said Board, on Payment of a Fee of One Shilling for each Inspection.

Books may be inspected.

Penalty for refusing Inspection.

Balancing Accounts.

Annual Statement.

Public Notice of Statement.

Statement, &c. to remain at the Office for Inspection.

Certain Clauses of 10 & 11 Vict. c. 65. incorporated with this Act.

LXIV. And be it enacted, That the Clauses of the "Cemeteries Clauses Act, 1847," "with respect to exclusive Rights of Burial and Monumental Inscriptions in the Cemetery," and "with respect to the Protection of the Cemetery," shall be incorporated with this Act; but for the Purposes of this Act the Expression "the Bishop of the Diocese" where used in the said Clauses "with respect to exclusive Rights of Interment and Monumental Inscriptions" shall mean the Bishop of *London;* and for the Purposes of this Act the Expression "the Company" where used in the "Cemeteries Clauses Act, 1847," shall mean "the General Board of Health," and the Expression "the Clerk" where used in such Act shall include "the Assistant Secretary" appointed under this Act; and every Person committing any Offence in the said Clauses "with respect to the Protection of the Cemetery" respectively mentioned shall forfeit the Sum therein respectively mentioned to the said Board, upon a summary Conviction for such Offence before Two Justices of the Peace.

Board to be assessed to Rates in respect to Burial Grounds provided under this Act.

LXV. And be it enacted, That the said Board shall from Time to Time be assessed or rated to all County, Parochial, or other local Rates, for and in respect of any Burial Ground provided under this Act, and any Building or Place of Burial therein, or other Lands acquired by them for the Purposes of this Act, in such and the same Proportion as, but not at any higher Value or improved Rent than, such Ground or Lands was or were assessed or rated at for the Year immediately preceding the taking and Conversion of such Ground or Lands for the Purposes of this Act.

LXVI. And

Audit of Accounts by Auditors of public Accounts.

LXVI. And be it enacted, That the Accounts of the said Board shall be examined and audited by the Commissioners for auditing the public Accounts of this Kingdom, and such Commissioners shall, in examining, trying, and auditing the Accounts of the said Board, have all the Powers which are vested in them by Law for examining, trying, and auditing the said public Accounts, and the Monies which may be received and become applicable for the Purposes of this Act shall be deemed public Monies, and may be recovered in case of Default accordingly, but all Monies so recovered shall be paid into the said Account at the Bank of *England* for the Purposes of this Act.

Board may contract.

LXVII. And be it enacted, That the said Board may enter into all such Contracts as they may think fit for the Erection and furnishing of Chapels in the Burial Grounds provided under this Act, and in the Case of Chapels already built, for enlarging the same, and for enclosing and laying out such Grounds, and for providing Offices and Houses of Reception, and for any other Matters in relation to the Purposes of this Act in respect to which it may appear to the said Board expedient to enter into Contracts.

Purchases and Works not to be made or done without previous Sanction of the Treasury.

LXVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Purchase, Building, or Work where the Purchase Money or the estimated Expense of such Building or Work exceeds One hundred Pounds, shall be made, erected, or done, or any Contract for the same entered into, by the said Board, under this Act, without the Approbation of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Certain Provisions of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 18., as to Cemeteries and Compensation, incorporated with this Act.

LXIX. And be it enacted, That "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," except the Provisions of that Act "with respect to Lands acquired by the Promoters of the "Undertaking under the Provisions of the 'Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845,' or the "special Act, or any Act incorporated therewith, but which shall not be required for the "Purposes thereof," and "with respect to the Provision to be made for affording Access to the special Act by all Parties interested," shall, so far as respects Purchases by the said Board of any Cemetery mentioned in the Schedule (B.) to this Act, and Compensation to Persons interested in Non-parochial Burial Grounds, be incorporated with this Act.

Certain Provisions of same Act as to Lands taken by Agreement only incorporated with this Act.

LXX. And be it enacted, That the said Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, except the Provisions of that Act specified and excepted in the Section next herein-before contained, and except also the Provisions of that Act "with respect to the Purchase and taking of Lands otherwise than by Agreement," shall, so far as respects Purchases of Lands by Agreement under this Act by the said Board, be incorporated with this Act, and for the Purposes of this Act the Expression "the Promoters of the Undertaking," wherever used in the said Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, shall mean the said Board.

Receipt of Company to be an effectual Discharge.

LXXI. And be it enacted, That the Receipt in Writing under the Common Seal of the Company for the Purchase or Consideration Money for any Cemetery belonging to such Company which shall be purchased by the said Board, or for any Compensation payable to such Company under this Act, shall be an effectual Discharge to the said Board for the same.

Power to dispose of Lands not wanted.

LXXII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Board to sell and dispose of any Lands purchased by them under this Act, which it may appear to the said Board may be properly sold or disposed of, and which may not have been consecrated or used for the Burial of the Dead; and for completing and carrying any such Sale into effect such Board may make and execute a Conveyance of the Lands sold and disposed of as aforesaid unto the Purchaser, or as he shall direct, and such Conveyance shall be under the Seal of the said Board; and the Word "grant" in such Conveyance shall have the same Operation as by the said Lands Clauses Consolidation Act is given to the same Word in a Conveyance of Lands made by the Promoters of the Undertaking; and a Receipt under the Seal of the said Board shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Purchaser of any such Lands for the Purchase Money in such Receipt expressed to be received; and the Money to arise from such Sale shall be applied in like Manner as other Monies received under this Act; and the said Board may let from Year to Year, and at such Rent as the said Board may think fit, any Land which may have been purchased by and become vested in the said Board under this Act, and which for the Time being shall not be required for the Purposes of this Act.

LXXIII. And

Annual Reports and Abstract of Accounts to be made, and laid before Parliament.

LXXIII. And be it enacted, That the said Board shall, in the Month of *March* in every Year, send to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State a Report of their Proceedings, specifying the Burial Grounds which have been provided under this Act in the preceding Year, and showing the Portions of such Burial Grounds which are consecrated and intended to remain unconsecrated respectively, and stating also the Names of the Chaplains appointed under this Act, and of the Officers and Servants appointed and employed by the said Board under this Act, showing those appointed for the general Purposes of this Act and those appointed or employed for and in each such Burial Ground, and their respective Duties, and stating the Amounts of the Stipends payable to the said Chaplains, and of the respective Salaries and Wages of such Officers and Servants, and stating the Annuities payable under this Act by way of Compensation to Clerks and Sextons, and to Churchwardens or other Persons on behalf of Parishes, and the Compensations payable under this Act in respect of Non-parochial Burial Grounds, and the Debts and Annuities, if any, in respect of Parochial Burial Grounds, to be discharged under this Act, and specifying all Burial Grounds and Works commenced under the Authority of the said Board during the preceding Year, and remaining in progress at the Termination of such Year; and the said Board shall, after they have fixed a Table of the Fees and Sums to be payable upon Interments in the Burial Grounds provided under this Act, annex such Table to their next Report, and from Time to Time as the said Board shall vary such Table of Fees and Sums they shall annex such varied Table to their next Report; and the said Board shall, with every Report to be sent as aforesaid, send to such Secretary of State an Account in Abstract, showing the Receipt and Expenditure under this Act for such preceding Year, under the several distinct Heads of Receipt and Expenditure, with the Statement of the Allowance of the said Commissioners for auditing the public Accounts, if they have allowed such Accounts, or of the Parts, if any, which they have disallowed of such Accounts, and also a summary Statement of all Contracts entered into by the said Board in such preceding Year, and of the Monies owing to and Debts owing by the said Board on the Thirty-first Day of *December* of such preceding Year; and the said Board shall also from Time to Time give to any One of such Secretaries of State as aforesaid such Information as he may require respecting their Proceedings; and every such Report, Account in Abstract, and Statement as aforesaid shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within One Month after the Receipt thereof, if Parliament be sitting, or if Parliament be not sitting, then within One Month after the next Meeting of Parliament.

Power to convey Chapels in out-lying Parochial Burial Grounds to Trustees for the Parishes in which they are situate.

LXXIV. And be it enacted, That where any Burial Ground in which Interment is discontinued under this Act belongs to any Parish other than the Parish within which the same is locally situate, it shall be lawful for the Incumbent and Churchwardens of the Parish to which such Burial Ground belongs, with the Consent of the Vestry or Persons possessing the Powers of Vestry for Ecclesiastical Purposes of or in such Parish, and of the Bishop of the Diocese, to convey any Chapel belonging to such Parish and situate in or attached to such Burial Ground, and the Site thereof, to any Persons named by the Incumbent and Churchwardens of the Parish within which the same is situate, with the Consent of the Vestry or Persons possessing the Powers of Vestry of or in such Parish for Ecclesiastical Purposes, and of the said Bishop, and upon such Trusts for such last-mentioned Parish, and subject to such Conditions to be performed on behalf of such Parish, and with such Provision for the Appointment of new Trustees, as to the said Bishop may seem proper, and such Conveyance shall be effectual to pass all the Estate and Interest vested in any Persons in trust or on behalf of the Parish to which such Chapel and the Site thereof belong; and after the Execution of such Conveyance all Obligation on such last-mentioned Parish, or any Trustees or others on behalf thereof, to repair such Chapel or to pay any Stipend to the Minister thereof, or otherwise in relation to or in connexion with such Chapel, shall cease.

Provision for dissolving Cemetery Companies.

LXXV. And be it enacted, That after Payment by the said Board of the Purchase or Consideration Money for any of the Cemeteries mentioned in the Schedule (B.) to this Act, or after the Payment to any Cemetery Company of the Compensation for the Loss or Damage sustained by them by reason of the Discontinuance of Interment in their Cemetery or Cemeteries under the Provisions of this Act, the Cemetery Company to which such Purchase or Consideration Money or Compensation may belong or be payable (unless some other

Cemetery in which Interment is not then discontinued remain vested in them) shall continue only for the Purpose of winding up the Affairs, and realizing and distributing the Assets thereof, and the satisfying any Debts or Engagements to or by the said Company, and for the Enforcement by Law or in Equity of such Debts or Engagements respectively; and the said Company, as soon as conveniently may be after the Payment of such Purchase or Consideration Money or Compensation shall convert into Money, by Sale or otherwise, the Effects of the said Company, and get in the Debts and Assets thereof, and distribute and apportion the Monies thence arising, together with such Purchase or Consideration Money or Compensation, after satisfying all the Debts, Engagements, and Liabilities of the said Company, to and among the several Proprietors thereof according to their respective Shares and Interests therein, and from and immediately after such Distribution and Apportionment the said Company shall be dissolved, and the Receipt of every Person who for the Time being would have been entitled to give an effectual Discharge for any Dividends which might have become payable in respect of any Share in any such Cemetery or Company in case this Act had not been passed, for the Proportion of the Monies which under this Provision shall become payable in respect of such Share, shall be an effectual Discharge to such Company and the Directors thereof for the same.

Interpretation of Terms.

LXXVI. And be it enacted, That in the Construction of this Act the following Words and Expressions shall have the Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless such Meanings be repugnant to or inconsistent with the Context; (that is to say,)

Words importing the Singular Number shall include the Plural Number, and Words importing the Plural Number shall include the Singular Number:

Words importing the Masculine Gender only shall include Females:

Words importing Individuals shall include Corporations:

The Word "Lands" shall include Messuages, Buildings, Lands, and Hereditaments:

The Expression "the District" shall mean "the Metropolitan Burial District:"

The Word "Parish" shall include united Parishes, and any distinct and separate Parish, District Parish, District Chapelry, or Consolidated District, formed under the Provisions of the Church Building Acts, and any new Parish constituted by or under the Proceedings of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England;* and the Word "consecrated" shall mean consecrated according to the Rites of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland,* and the Word "unconsecrated" shall mean not so consecrated.

Short Title.

LXXVII. And be it enacted, That in citing this Act in other Acts, and in legal Instruments and other Proceedings, it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The Metropolitan Interments Act, 1850."

SCHEDULE (A.)

THE METROPOLITAN BURIAL DISTRICT.

The City of London and the Liberties thereof, the Inner Temple and Middle Temple, and all other Places and Parts of Places contained within the exterior Boundaries of the Liberties of the City of London.

In Middlesex.

The City and Liberties of Westminster.

The Parishes of St. Margaret and Saint John the Evangelist.
The Parish of St. Martin in the Fields.
The Parish of St. George Hanover Square.
The Parish of St. James.
The Parish of St. Mary-le-Strand, as well within the Liberty of Westminster as within the Duchy Liberty.
The Parish of St. Clement Danes, as well within the Liberty of Westminster as within the Duchy Liberty.
The Parish of St. Paul Covent Garden.
The Parish of St. Anne Soho.
Whitehall Gardens (whether the same be parochial or extra-parochial).
Whitehall (whether the same be parochial or extra-parochial).
Richmond Terrace (whether the same be parochial or extra-parochial).
The Close of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter.

The Parishes of St. Giles in the Fields and St. George Bloomsbury.
The Parishes of St. Andrew Holborn and St. George the Martyr.
The Liberty of Hatton Garden, Saffron Hill, and Ely Rents.
The Liberty of the Rolls.
The Parish of St. Pancras.
The Parish of St. John Hampstead.
The Parish of St. Marylebone.
The Parish of Paddington.
The Precinct of the Savoy.
The Parish of St. Luke.
The Liberty of Glasshouse Yard.
The Parish of St. Sepulchre.
The Parish of St. James Clerkenwell, including both Districts of St. James and St. John.
The Parish of St. Mary Islington.
The Parish of St. Mary Stoke Newington.
The Charterhouse.
The Parish of St. Mary Whitechapel.
The Parish of Christchurch Spitalfields.
The Parish of St. Leonard Shoreditch.
The Liberty of Norton Falgate.
The Parish of St. John Hackney.
The Parish of St. Matthew Bethnal Green.
The Hamlet of Mile End Old Town.
The Hamlet of Mile End New Town.
The Parish of St. Mary Stratford Bow.
The Parish of Bromley St. Leonard.
The Parish of All Saints Poplar.
The Parish of St. Anne Limehouse.
The Hamlet of Ratcliffe.
The Parish of St. Paul Shadwell.
The Parish of St. George in the East.
The Parish of St. John Wapping.
The Liberty of East Smithfield.
The Precinct of St. Catherine.
The Liberty of Her Majesty's Tower of London, consisting of—
The Liberty of the Old Artillery Ground.
The Parish of Trinity, Minories.
The Old Tower Precinct.
The Precinct of the Tower Within.
The Precinct of Wellclose.
The Parish of Kensington.
The Parish of St. Luke Chelsea.
The Parish of Fulham.
The Parish of Hammersmith.
Lincoln's Inn.
New Inn.
Gray's Inn.
Staple Inn.
That Part of Furnival's Inn in the County of Middlesex.
Ely Place.

In KENT.

The Parish of St. Paul Deptford.
The Parish of St. Nicholas Deptford.
The Parish of Greenwich.
The Parish of Woolwich.
The Parish of Charlton.
The Parish of Plumstead.

In SURREY.

The Borough of Southwark.

The Parish of St. George the Martyr.
The Parish of St. Saviour.
The Parish of St. John Horsleydown.
The Parish of St. Olave.
The Parish of St. Thomas.

The Parish of Battersea (except the Hamlet of Penge).
The Parish of Bermondsey.
The Parish of Camberwell.
The Parish of Clapham.
The Parish of Lambeth.
The Parish of Newington.
The Parish of Putney.
The Parish of Rotherhithe.
The Parish of Streatham.
The Parish of Tooting.
The Parish of Wandsworth.
The Parish of Christchurch.
The Clink Liberty.
The Hamlet of Hatcham in the Parish of Deptford.

SCHEDULE (B.)

The several CEMETERIES established under the several ACTS herein-after mentioned; viz.—

An Act for establishing a General Cemetery for the Interment of the Dead in the Neighbourhood of the Metropolis: 2 & 3 W. 4. c. cx.

An Act for establishing a Cemetery for the Interment of the Dead Southward of the Metropolis, to be called the "South Metropolitan Cemetery: 6 & 7 W. 4. c. cxxix.

6 & 7 W. 4. c. cxxxvi. An Act for establishing Cemeteries for the Interment of the Dead, Northward, Southward, and Eastward of the Metropolis, by a Company to be called "The London Cemetery Company:"

1 Vict. c. cxxx. An Act for establishing a Cemetery for the Interment of the Dead, Westward of the Metropolis, by a Company to be called "The West of London and Westminster Cemetery Company:" And

4 & 5 Vict. c. lxiii. An Act to establish a General Cemetery for the Interment of the Dead in the Parishes of Saint Dunstan Stepney and Saint Leonard Bromley in the County of Middlesex:

The Victoria Park Cemetery, in the Parish of Saint Matthew Bethnal Green in the County of Middlesex: And

The Abney Park Cemetery, in the Parish of Saint Mary Stoke Newington in the County of Middlesex.

SCHEDULE (C.)

Form of Mortgage.

Mortgage Number ( ).

By virtue of an Act passed in the Year of the Reign of Queen Victoria [*here insert the Title of this Act*], the General Board of Health, in consideration of the Sum of paid to the Treasurer of the said Board by *A. B.* of for the Purposes of the said Act, do grant and assign unto the said *A. B.*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, all the Monies arising and to arise from the several Fees, Payments, and Rates to be received and made under the said Act, to hold to the said *A. B.*, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, from the Day of the Date hereof until the said Sum of with Interest at the Rate of per Centum per Annum for the same, shall be fully paid and satisfied; and it is hereby declared, that the said Principal Sum shall be repaid on the Day of and that in the meantime the Interest thereof shall be paid on the Day of and the Day of in every Year.

In witness whereof the said Board have hereunto set their Seal this Day of 18 .

SCHEDULE (D.)

Form of Transfer of Mortgage.

I *A. B.* of in consideration of the Sum of Pounds paid to me by *C. D.* of do hereby transfer to the said *C. D.*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, a certain Mortgage Number ( ), bearing Date the Day of and made by the General Board of Health to for securing the Sum of and Interest [*or, if such Transfer be by Endorsement on the Mortgage, insert, instead of the Words after* "Assigns," the within Security], and all my Property, Right, and Interest in and to the Money thereby secured, and in and to the Monies thereby assigned. In wit ess whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Day of 18 .

A. B. (L.S.)

CAP. LIII.

An Act for taking account of the Population of *Great Britain*.

[5th *August* 1850.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to take an Account of the total Number of Persons within *Great Britain*:' 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