



Disused Burial Grounds Act 1884

1884 CHAPTER 72

An Act for preventing the erection of Buildings on Disused Burial Grounds.
[14th August 1884]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the session of Parliament holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty, chapter eighty-five, to amend the laws concerning the burial of the dead in-the metropolis, and an Act was passed in the session holden in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirty-four, " to amend the laws concerning the burial " of the dead in England, beyond the limits of the metropolis, " and to amend the Act concerning the burial of the dead in the " metropolis": And whereas in pursuance of the provisions of the above recited Acts numerous Orders in Council have been made for the discontinuance of burials in certain burial grounds within, the metropolis and elsewhere: And whereas it is expedient that no buildings should be erected on any burial ground affected by any of such Orders in Council:

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, as follows:

1 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Disused Burial Grounds Act, 1884.

2 Interpretation, clause.

In this Act a " disused burial ground " shall mean a burial ground in respect of which an Order in Council has been made for the discontinuance of burials therein in pursuance of the provisions of the said recited Acts.

3 No buildings to be erected upon disused burial grounds, except for enlargement; &c.

After the passing of this Act it shall not be lawful to erect any buildings upon any disused burial ground, except for the purpose of enlarging a church, chapel, meeting-house, or other places of worship.

4 Saving for buildings already sanctioned.

Nothing in this Act shall prevent the erection of any building on a disused burial ground for which a faculty has been obtained before the passing of this Act.

5 Saving of burial grounds sold by Act of Parliament.

Nothing in this Act contained shall apply to any burial ground which has been sold or disposed of under the authority of any Act of Parliament.