



# Burial Act 1857

## 1857 CHAPTER 81

### **VI Ordinary of Diocese may consecrate the whole or Part of Land belonging to any Parish for the Burial of poor Persons.**

Where the Guardians of any Parish or Union are or shall hereafter become possessed of any Land suitable to the Purposes of a Burial Ground, and the Poor Law Board shall consent to the same being appropriated to the Reception of the dead Bodies of any poor Persons whom such Guardians shall be authorized or required by Law to bury, it shall be lawful for the Ordinary of the Diocese wherein such Land shall be situated, if he see fit, to consecrate the whole or a Part of such Land for Burial Purposes, and after Consecration the Guardians may lawfully direct any such dead Body as aforesaid to be buried therein ; and the Land so consecrated shall not thenceforth be used for any other Purposes than for Burials according to the Rites of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, and shall be kept in decent Order; and the Fences thereof, and any Building or other Erection therein or adjoining thereto used for the Performance of the Burial Service, shall be maintained in good Repair by the Guardians, out of the Common Fund of such Parish or Union : Provided nevertheless, that the Guardians shall not be authorized to direct the Body of any poor Person to be buried in such Grounds who, or whose Husband, Wife, or Next of Kin, shall, by Letter addressed to the Master of the Workhouse or otherwise, have expressly desired Burial to take place elsewhere.