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Papers relative
to Burial Ground

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Council Office, Whitehall,
18 Dec 1854.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lord President
of the Council to transmit to you for
the Information and Guidance of all
whom it may concern, the enclosed Order
of Her Majesty in Council directing
that no New Burial Ground shall be
opened in the places therein named,
without the previous approval of One
of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries
of State; and for discontinuing Burials
in the Quaker's Burial ground in the parish of
St Mary Bishophill the Elder, York.

I am,

Sir,

The Clerk of the Quaker's Burial ground
in the parish of St Mary Bishophill
the Elder
York

Your most obedient Servant,
Wm B Athurst

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Given Mat no
new ground has
opened with
advance of 1000

Council Office, Whitehall,
23rd Oct. 1854.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lord President of the Council to transmit to you the enclosed printed copies of an Order of Her Majesty in Council giving Notice of a Representation, made by Viscount Palmerston one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, that no new Burial ground should be opened without the previous approval of a Secretary of State in the places therein named, and that Burials should be discontinued in ^{the} Quaker's Burial ground in the Parish of St. Mary Bishophill the Elder, York;

and appointing a day for the Consideration of such Representation by Her Majesty's Privy Council; and I am to request that you will forthwith take steps for carrying out the directions contained in the 16th and 17th Victoria, Cap. 134, Sec. 1, and repeated in the said Order, (so far as concerns the above named ^{Burial ground} Parish) by having

the copies of such Order affixed in the manner
The Clerk of the
Quaker's Burial ground in the Parish of
St. Mary Bishophill the Elder
York. therein

therein directed; to remain so affixed for one Month
before the day so appointed in the enclosed Orders—

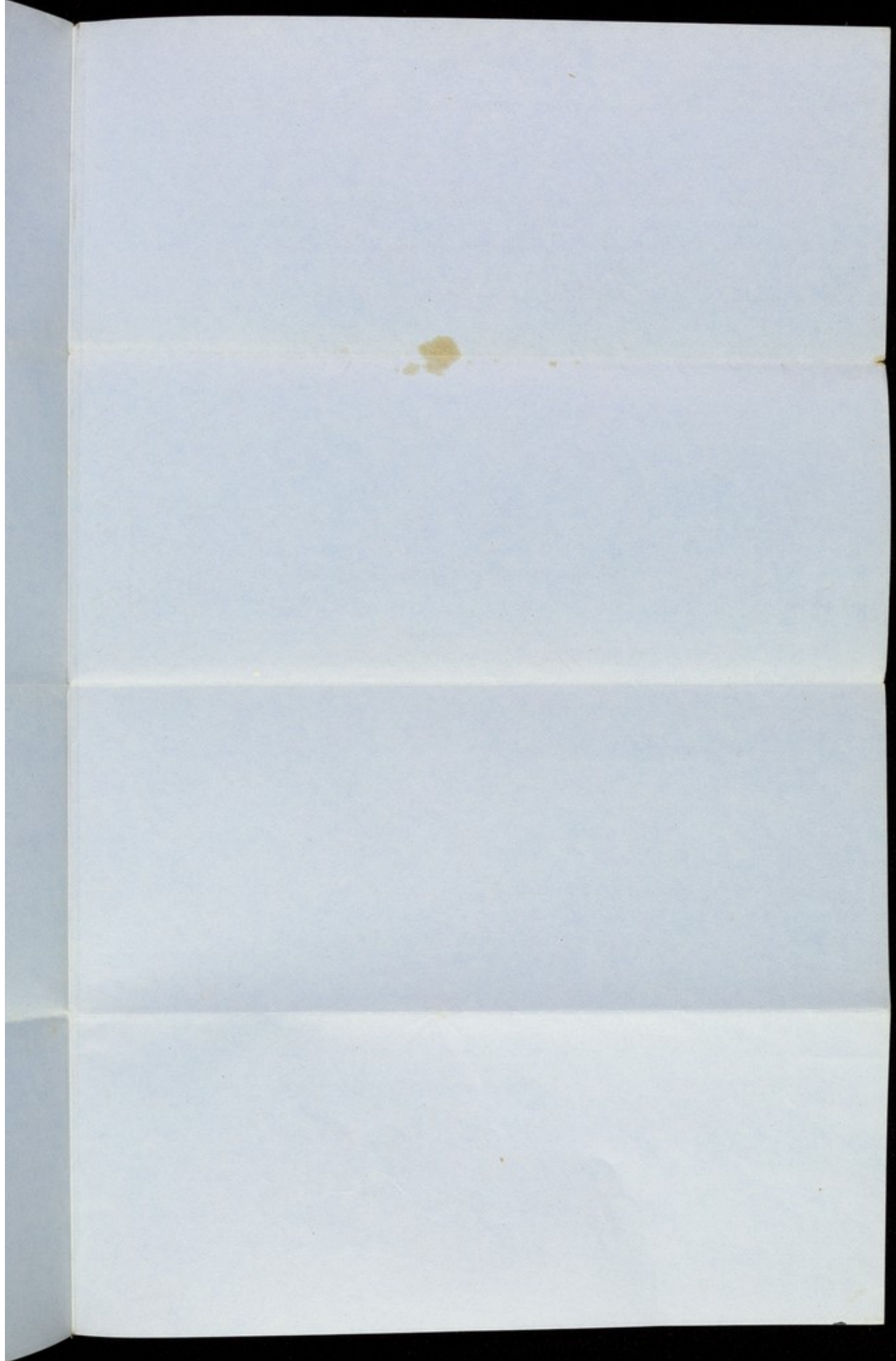
I have also to request that at the expiration
of the Month during which these Orders shall have
been affixed as aforesaid, you will transmit to me,
(under cover to "The Clerk of the Council in Waiting")
a Certificate, or Notice, thereof.—

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. B. Hunt



10mo 23 - 1854

Relating to the
History of the
Principles



AT the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the
11th day of *December*, 1854,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament, held in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act 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;" it is enacted, that in case it appears to Her Majesty in Council, upon the representation of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, that, for the protection of the public health, the opening of any new burial-ground in any city or town, or within any other limits, save with the previous approval of one of such Secretaries of State, should be prohibited, or that burials in any city or town, or within any other limits, or in any burial-ground or places of burial, should be wholly discontinued, or should be discontinued subject to any exception or qualification; it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order that no new burial-ground shall be opened in any city or town, or within such limits, without such previous approval, or (as the case may require), that after a time mentioned in the Order, burials in such city or town, or within such limits, or in such burial-grounds or places of burial, shall be discontinued wholly, or subject to any exceptions or qualifications mentioned in such Order, and so from time to time, as circumstances may require; provided always, that notice of such representation, 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 of, or on some other conspicuous places within, the parishes affected by such representation, one month before such representation is so considered; provided also, that no such representation shall be made in relation to the burial-ground of any parish until ten days' previous notice of the intention to make such representation, shall have been given to the Incumbent and Vestry Clerk or Churchwardens of such parish.

And whereas the Right Honourable Viscount Palmerston, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after giving to the Incumbents and the Churchwardens of the parishes hereinafter mentioned ten days' previous notice of his intention to make such representation, has made a

representation stating that, for the protection of the public health, no new burial-ground should be opened in the city of *YORK*, or within two miles of its boundary, without the consent of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and that burials shall be discontinued therein, with the following modifications.

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by Her Order in Council of the eighteenth day of *October* last, to give notice of such representation, and to order that the same be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on the second day of *December* instant; and such Order has been published in the *London Gazette*, and copies thereof have been affixed as required by the said Act.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that no new burial-ground shall be opened in the city of *YORK*, or within two miles of its boundary, without the previous approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; and that burials in the said city be discontinued, with the following modifications, from and after the twenty-third day of *December* instant (except as is herein otherwise directed), as follows, viz.:

Forthwith in the *Cathedral*, in the church and churchyard of *All Saints North-street*, in the church and churchyards of *St. Cruz*, *St. Cuthbert*, *St. Dennis*, *St. Helen Stonegate*, the *Holy Trinity Goodramgate*, the *Holy Trinity King's-court*, the *Holy Trinity Micklegate*, *St. John Micklegate*, *St. Margaret*, *St. Martin Coney-street*, *St. Martin-cum-Gregory*, *St. Mary Bishophill the elder*, *St. Mary Bishophill the younger*, *St. Mary Castlegate*, *St. Maurice*, *St. Michael-le-Belfrey*, *St. Michael Spurriergate*, *St. Sampson*, *St. Saviour*, and *St. Olave Marygate*; in the churchyards of *All Saints Pavement* and of *St. George*; in the older part of the churchyard of *St. Lawrence*, and within the church; (the new part of that churchyard is to be properly drained, and no more than one body is to be buried in each grave, nor with a covering of less than four and a half feet of earth, measuring from the upper surface of the coffin to the level of the ground); in *Lendal Chapel* Burial-ground, and in the *English Presbyterian Chapel and Burial-ground*, in the parish of *St. Saviour*: and from and after the first *August*, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in the *Quakers' Burial-ground*, in the parish of *St. Mary Bishophill the elder*.

W. M. Bathurst



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17th February 1855

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 3rd Ult^o,
I am directed by Secretary Sir George Jux
to inform you that he has received
from Dr. Sutherland, Inspector of
Burial Grounds, a Report on the
proposed new Burial Ground
for the Society of Friends at
York; And I hereby signify
to you Sir George Jux's Approval,
as required by the 1st Section of

Mr Joseph Rowntree
York

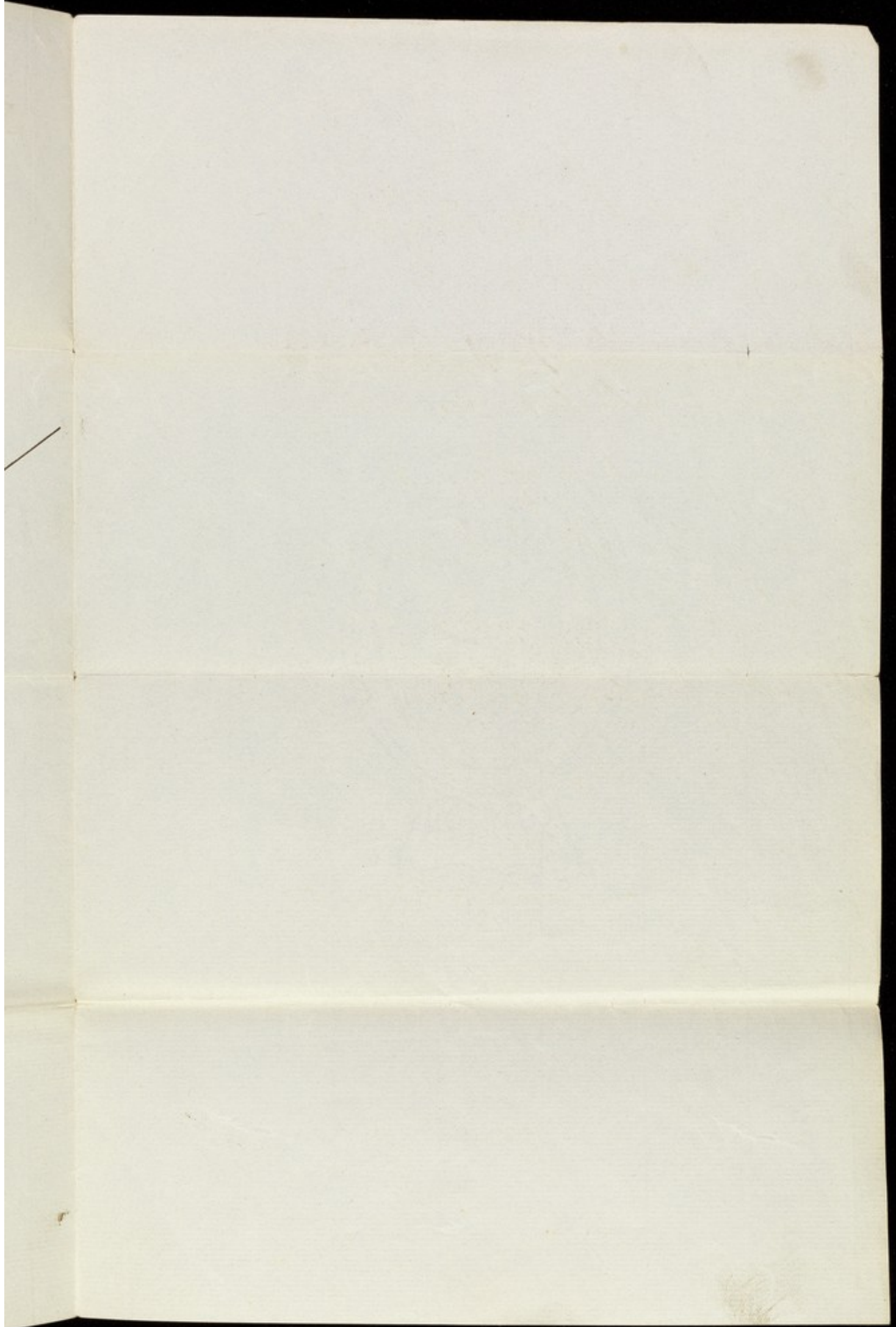
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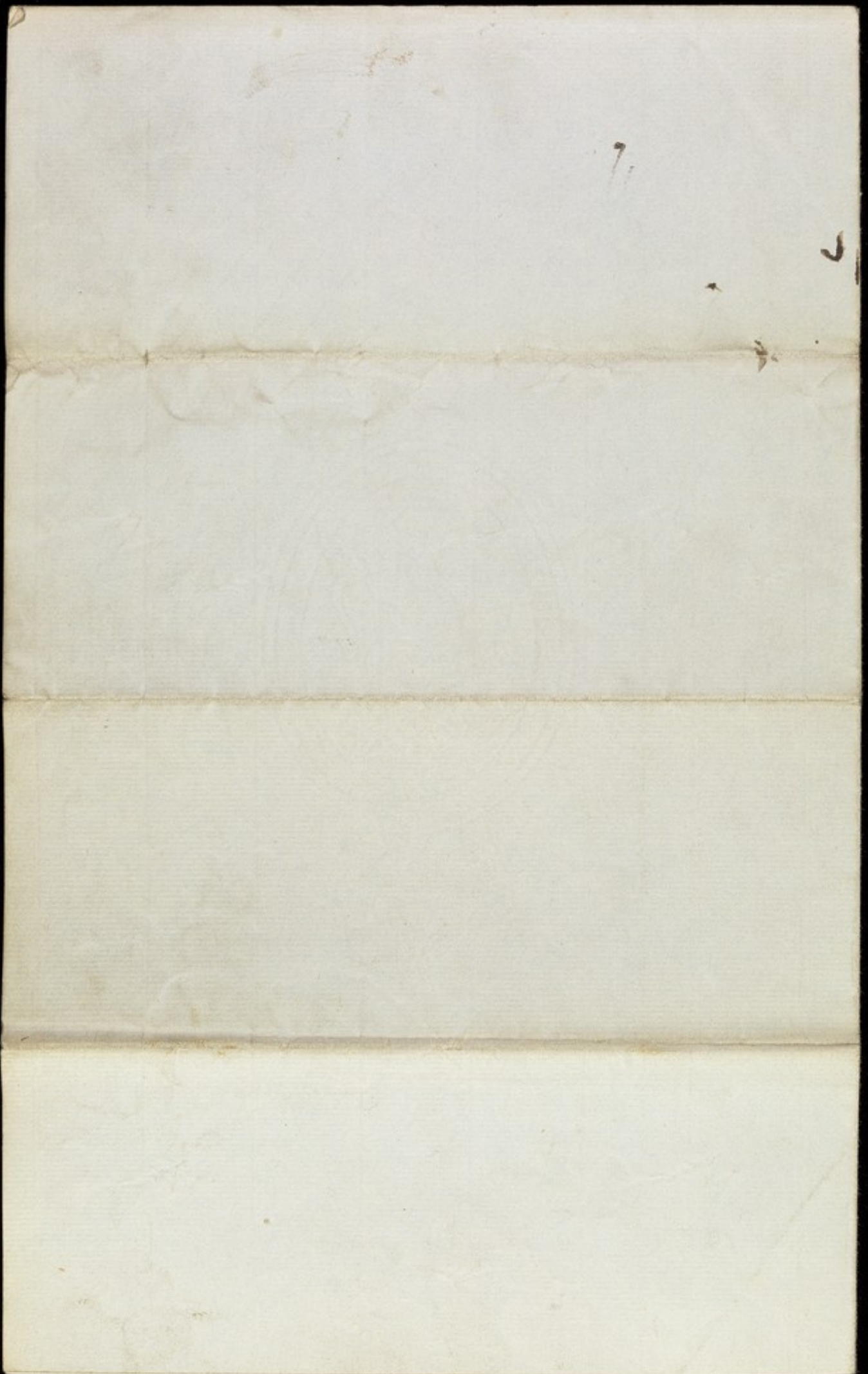
the 16th & 17th Vict. C. 134. and by the order
made by Her Majesty in Council
in pursuance thereof, of the piece
of Ground selected, consisting
of three quarters of an Acre,
the situation of which is shewn
on the plan forwarded herewith,
for the purposes of Burial.

I am

Sir

Your obedient servant
Henry Pitt Rivers





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To York Preparative Meeting, & the Retreat
Committee.

The committee appointed in consequence of the Government direction to discontinue the use of the Burial Ground on Bishophill, present the following narrative as a record of the proceedings which have been taken in connexion therewith.

The sealed order of the Queen in Council bears date the 11th of December 1851. It directs that "Burials be discontinued in the Quakers Burial Ground in the parish of St. Mary Bishophill the Elder from and after the first of August one thousand eight hundred and fifty five."

The friends of York Meeting and the Committee of the Retreat, after much consideration and repeated conferences on the subject, concluded that it was desirable to possess one common Burial Ground available alike for the Meeting and the Retreat, rather than ~~to~~ continue ^{to use} distinct places of interment, and it was ultimately arranged to appropriate a portion of the Retreat Estate for the purpose of providing such Burial Ground. The following memorial which describes the site selected was prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of State viz

In acknowledging the receipt of the Memorial, some further information was requested by the Government Commissioner Dr Sutherland and forwarded to him by the committee. Shortly afterwards he came to York and personally inspected the ground. Dr Sutherland expressed himself as entirely satisfied with the site and on his return to London the following warrant of approval was

issued (see X)

The Government approval of the site being thus obtained the Committee directed its attention to the arrangements which appeared to be required in adapting the land for the purposes of a Burial Ground. It was determined that some portion of the land near the south west corner should be raised by laying upon it spare earth taken from the foundations of the New Buildings of the Retreat and that no part of the Burial Ground should be less than eight feet above the level of the drain which separates the Retreat Estate from the Freeman's Stray. On the south side of the ground a boundary wall will have to be built, and it is the intention of the Retreat Committee to continue this wall to the extreme limit of the Institution's estate on this side. A carriage road from the gates in Heslington road through the Retreat fields along side the eastern boundary of the estate will have to be made and some planting and iron fencing will be required. We think it preferable for these works to be executed by the Retreat Committee but as the Burial Ground is for the mutual service of the friends of York Meeting and the Retreat a fair proportion of the cost of their execution and of the value of the land should be borne by York Friends. The principal expenditure will be in erecting the boundary wall, but as this wall is highly desirable for the Retreat independent of the Burial Ground and will have to be made much higher than is required for the Burial Ground, a portion only of its cost can properly be charged to this

account. The quantity of land intended to be enclosed is about three quarters of an acre which at the present rate of mortality and reckoning single interments only would provide for about sixty years. Less than half this ground will probably be taken by York Meeting but as it is deemed desirable that the charge of maintaining the ground, fences, roads &c should be borne exclusively by the Retreat we think after enquiry and close consideration that about one hundred and fifty pounds ought to be given by York Friends to the Retreat as an equivalent for the right of Burial which by the present arrangement is granted to them in perpetuity. The Burial ground will remain legally the sole property of the Trustees of the Retreat Estate but as these trustees are subject to the conditions which attach generally to the holding of the Societys property nothing more appears needful than to record in the minute of the Preparative Meeting and in those of the Retreat Committee the conditions as now understood by the several parties. If hereafter any difficulty should arise in connexion with the working or continuance of this arrangement which York Friends and the Retreat Committee are unable satisfactorily to remove it is understood and agreed by the several parties that such matter shall be referred to York Quarterly Meeting of Friends and that the directions of such meeting as declared by the minutes of its Clerk shall conclusively determine the same.

We think that the care of the Burial Ground as regards general arrangements appoint-

ment of the graves &c should be placed in
the hands of two friends one to be appointed
by York Meeting the other by the Retreat
Committee, and that the ground be designated

~~finding a burial ground~~
~~"Hastings road burial ground"~~

York
1855
Mo 18.

Signed
Joseph Spence
John Kitching
Daniel H. Fuke

Thomas Allen
John Ford
Joseph Rowntree
John A. B.

2. ^{Memorial addressed to}
2nd To, Viscount Palmerston

The Queen in Council having been pleased to direct that after the first of August 1855 "All Burials shall be discontinued in the Quakers burial ground in the parish of Bishopscote the elder, city of York" ^{also} ~~and~~ that ~~no~~ no new Burial ground shall be opened without the approval of one of Her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, and such order having been directed to me by the clerk of the Council and duly published by me, — The members of the Religious Society of Friends residing in York and its vicinity having carefully considered the arrangements which will be necessary on the closing of their Burial ground, and they now request thy approval of a piece of land to be used as a Burial ground by them, which is situated in the parish of Fulford, & which they have selected as eligible for this purpose.

~~and burial ground by them~~
In the accompanying map this plot is coloured pink and marked with the letter B. It is bounded on the north & west by land belonging to the "Rectory" — on the east by Pasture land belonging to Thomas Barstow and on the south by a common land called Malmesbury Street, which cannot be built upon. The approach is from the Hestington

+ being a provision for ^{land} burying at the present rate

roads as shown on the plan by
the yellow line - It is intended to
fence off about 3630 square yards
or $\frac{3}{4}$ acre - The soil is sand
and gravel to a depth beyond
what is required for graves. The
nearest human habitations are
the Retreat buildings at a distance
of ~~about five~~ ^{more than four} hundred yards

The 'Retreat' is a Hospital
for the treatment of Insane patients
belonging to the Society of Friends
and this ground forms a portion
of the institution's estate - It has been
detected as being the extreme limits
of the estate, and least likely hereafter
to be approached by buildings -

The Retreat Hospital contains
upwards of one hundred patients
and it ~~now~~ employs as a Burial
ground for its special use the small
plot of land shown on the map colored
with vermilion and marked with
the letter A

The Directors of the
Retreat Hospital & the Friends of York
meeting, have arranged (subject
to the approval of the Site selected)
that henceforth they would unite, and
use one plot of ground only as a place
of Burial, closing the Burial grounds
now used on the Retreat estate as
well as that in the city of York -
The burials at the Retreat are rather
more numerous than those in the

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city. In the ten years ending
with 1853 - the burials in the Brompton
ground were 55 - and in the Brompton
ground 46.

If I have omitted any
information which is desired I
shall be glad to supply the deficiency
~~and~~ trusting that the facts selected
will meet thy approval - I
remain very respectfully
Joseph Rowntree

York

~~12th Nov 26~~

Ms³

~~1854~~

1855

~~Copy of the letter sent to the
Clerk of the Council in waiting
Whitehall
London~~

~~I hereby report that the Order
of the Queen in Council bearing
date October 23 - 1854 relative to the
closing of the Quakers Burial ground
in the parish of Mary Brompton
Middlesex City of York in August 1855
has been published by me in the
manner directed in the said
order.~~

~~York
1855
Ms³~~

~~Respectfully
Jos Rowntree~~

Nov 3 - 1835
Dapt of letters to
Lord Baltimore
Burial grounds

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It is agreed that the ~~soil~~ soil taken
from the foundations of the new wing be placed
on the surface of the proposed burial ground
to such a depth that ~~every~~ ^{where the ground} ~~may~~ ^{may} have
a ~~covering~~ ^{depth} of at least 8 ft above the level
of the ~~high~~ ^{high} water on the low ebb.

It is agreed that a plan of the approach
from the ~~Highway~~ ^{Highway} Road to the Burial ground
with the necessary ~~plantings~~ ^{plantings} &c
be prepared that ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~superintendent~~ ^{superintendent} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~burial~~ ^{burial} ~~ground~~ ^{ground} ~~may~~ ^{may}
obtain the assistance of Mary ~~Barrett~~ ^{Barrett} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~prepare~~ ^{prepare}
such a plan.

It is proposed that the care of the Burial
ground be entrusted to two friends, one of
whom shall be chosen by the Preparative
Meeting & the other by the Relief Committee.
It is proposed that the sum of about £150
be paid by the Preparative Meeting to the Relief

Committee towards the Expenses of the Burial
Ground. That the future maintenance of the
said Ground & its approaches be afterwards
borne by the Vestry Committee, it being understood
that York Friends have the right of Burial ~~Ground~~^{lots}
in it in perpetuity

b.

Mustard
~~Mustard~~

Minutes of the
Board of Directors

Proposed new burial ground for the
Society of Friends in York. at the Re-
treat,

Explanation of the Plan,

The part coloured Vermilion is a burial
ground containing about 500 Square yards
& which has been exclusively used for pa-
tients dying in the Retreat. This ground
is within 400 Feet of the nearest part of
the building & it is proposed to close it when
the new one is opened.

The part Coloured Pink is the proposed
new burial ground for the Society of Friends
in York & contains about 3630 Square
yards, or $\frac{3}{4}$ of an Acre. The soil is
sand & gravel to a depth beyond what is
required for Graves - It is bounded on
the North & West by Land belonging to the
Retreat on the East by Land belonging
to Thomas Barstow Esq, & on the South
by the Watergate Stray which cannot
be built upon.

The new ground is 1000 Feet from the
nearest part of the Retreat & conside-
rably more from any other dwelling house

The yellow line is the proposed road
to the burial ground from the Hasting-
ton Road

James Butcher to
Description of New
Prize at Ground

13. Lendal, York.

Jan'y 22nd 1855

Dear Sir/ I delayed sending you the
enclosed till the weather permitted
me to take the general level -
I have done so this morning & find
it will be much the best to place the
baseline longitudinally as shown - to
prevent so very much filling up
I have very attentively surveyed the
water course which is so very offensive
that there can be little doubt it will be
best to lay a drain & carry the water
the outside of drain - This will not
increase the expense, as if there is a
drain, the bankwork need not be in
current, - & the drain can be laid before
the well is built which will save
pumping downing etc. - The surface
of the stray is nearly 3 feet above the
water in the drain - & I must fear we
should have to go ²/₂ or 3 feet lower
so that the well (8 feet above the stray)

would be 15 or 15...6 high instead of 14
or 1 calculated I remain Dear Sir

Yours very truly

J. D. Proctor

for self & sons

81. If you are at the head of the
Commissary - I wish you wd pay atten-
tion to a report I have made about
the Govt Berries in answer to an
application from the Town Clerk

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John Rawlston Esq

J.P. Pritchett
and Sumner & Francis
Wade 1/22/1855



13. Lendal, York.

July 16th 1855

Dear Sir / I have finished
the Plans & letters for the
Pasture Master - & also
the estimate of the walls
& Drains & have sent
them to you thinking you
would like to consider
them before the Meeting
on Monday.

The 12 best fine lay pots
are now $\frac{3}{9}$ ^{at 3/6 each} delivered at
the Station. I heard it
reported & went to
Pickergill who showed
me the best lot of
pieces -

If you wish to see me
before the meeting I
will call any time you
may fix.

Yours truly

J. P. Dretchko

to Brewster

Mr. Rivertree

Home Office Chambers,

4 OLD PALACE YARD WESTMINSTER,

Whitehall,

Jan. 12th 1855.

Sir

Having been directed by
Viscount Palmerston to report on
a piece of land proposed to be
set apart by the Society of Friends
at York for a burial ground, I
write to ask you to be so good as
send me one or two more details
about it in addition to the full
& satisfactory amount in your
letter to the Home Office.

1st - Is the ground dry, a

is water found in it? and if so

at what depth? water is found at
below the surface to which the lowest
part of the ground is to be raised

2. If it require draining would

the drainage pass into any
the ground with regard to draining but not
water used for domestic purposes?
not interfere with any water used for domestic
the purposes but

and could it be satisfactorily drain?
The drains will empty themselves into a
public drain from the Barracks & part of

3. Are there any wells near
it, and at what distance?
itself into the creek
no wells near

4. Is the conformation of the

ground & the character of the

soil similar to that of the adjacent
Cemetery? soil clay & sand to the
depth of 8 feet & is similar
to some parts of the adjacent Cemetery

5. Observe that there is a ditch

a water Course represented on the South
side of the ground, on the Map: - is the
water of that ditch used for any domestic
purpose, & is the ground so much
above its level as not to be liable

to be permeated by the water?

This ditch is the one alluded to as discharging
the Carrack's g. - the bearing ground surface

I think. If I had these points
with an 8 feet above the level of the water
answered, I might be able to report
it is proposed to build on the north side
at once on the ground, but it

would be more satisfactory for me
if I could see any of the water percolating thro
the ditch which would so as to see
to inspect it ~~the bearing ground~~ what I could do

on my next journey to the North.

Perhaps in the mean time, you would
be so good as send me the information.

I am Sir

Your Obedt. Servt

Joseph Rountree Esq

John Satchell

D. Sutherland
Letter J.R. on
New Burial
Ground

Nov. 12. 55

Esteemed Friend

D Sutherland,

Mr. J. D. Butchell's

reply to the printed sheet
sent by J. Baker and ^{the accompanying} ~~papers~~
~~answers to the enquiry~~
~~and the notes~~ I think
that will find all the information
requested. James Butchell has
prepared a plan of the grounds but
which I enclose herewith. It does
not however present ^{to my mind} so intelligible
an idea of the locality as ^{is} ~~the~~
Ordinance map which I forward
to the Home Office ^{when the application} ~~along with~~
was made. The two maps to
gather ^{probably} will meet ~~at~~ every requirement

~~I may say~~ In looking at the
plan as shown in the Ordinance
map & comparing it with
J.P. Butchell's sketch - You will
probably notice that J.P. Butchell's
~~sketch~~ ~~sketch~~ ~~represents~~ the
ground ~~as shown~~ narrower longer
than shown in the Ordinance map - The
area is the same in both - but
at their last survey - our committee
preferred the arrangement shown
in J.P.'s sketch - ~~As regards~~ No
sanitary interest ~~is~~ appears
to be involved ^{in the difference} - it is simply
a question of taste or convenience
- It is the intention of Friends
to build a wall along side the

ground will require some con-
siderable time. ~~The~~ ^{an} early disson
would be convenient to us.

My sincere friend

Yours

J. R. Bowler

Nov 22 1855

Rough Draft
of J. R.'s
Reply to
Dr. G. L. Herd

Nov 22 55

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 18th day of
October, 1854.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Right Honourable Viscount Palmerston, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after giving to the Incumbents and the Churchwardens of the parishes hereinafter mentioned ten days' previous notice of his intention to make such representation, has, under the provisions of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament, held in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act 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," made a representation stating that, for the protection of the public health, no new burial-ground should be opened in the city of *YORK*, or within two miles of its boundary, without the previous approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and that burials should be discontinued therein, with the following modifications:—

Burials to be discontinued forthwith in the *Cathedral*, in the church and churchyard of *All Saints North-street*, in the church and churchyards of *St. Cruz*, *St. Cuthbert*, *St. Dennis*, *St. Helen Stonegate*, the *Holy Trinity Goodramgate*, the *Holy Trinity King's-court*, the *Holy Trinity Micklegate*, *St. John Micklegate*, *St. Margaret*, *St. Martin Coney-street*, *St. Martin-cum-Gregory*, *St. Mary Bishophill the elder*, *St. Mary Bishophill the younger*, *St. Mary Castlegate*, *St. Maurice*, *St. Michael-le-Belfrey*, *St. Michael Spurriergate*, *St. Sampson*, *St. Saviour*, and *St. Olave Marygate*; in the churchyards of *All Saints Pavement* and of *St. George*; in the older part of the churchyard of *St. Lawrence*; and within the church (the new part of the churchyard to be properly drained, and no more than one body to be buried in each grave, nor with a covering of less than four and a half feet of earth, measuring from the upper surface of the coffin to the level of the ground); in *Lendal Chapel Burial-ground*, and in the *English Presbyterian Chapel and Burial-ground*, in the parish of *St. Saviour*; and burials to be discontinued from and after the first August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in the *Quakers' Burial-ground*, in the parish of *St. Mary Bishophill the elder*.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in Council is pleased hereby to give notice of such representation, and to order that the same be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on the second day of December next.

And Her Majesty is further pleased to direct that this Order be forthwith published in the *London Gazette*; and that copies thereof be affixed on the doors of the churches or chapels of, or on some conspicuous places within, the parishes affected by such representation, one month before the said second day of December.

Wm. L. Bathurst.

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10th Nov 18 - 1884
Portrait of Webster
to show that the
Primer is genuine

Proposed Drivell ground in part
of the Ryebrook estate - Heston Road
for the Society of Friends in York -

Replies to Dr. Sutherland's queries
1. "Is the ground dry, and is water
found in it? - and if so at what
depth?"

Answer 1 - The ground appears ^{dry} ~~to~~ consist
of sandy gravel - In the trial holes
eight feet deep very little water
was found -

Query 2. "If a regular draining would the
drainage pass into any water
used for domestic purposes and
could it be satisfactorily drained?"

Answer 2 - The ground is capable of
being satisfactorily drained &
the drainage would not pass
into any water used for domestic
purposes -

Query 3. "Are there any wells near
to it and at what distance?"

Answer 3. "There are no wells near
to the ground. I ~~do not know of any~~ ^{do not know of any}
~~the~~ distance of the nearest but
suppose it ~~is~~ ^{is not less than} five hundred
yards ~~or more~~ and at a higher
level than the proposed site -

Query 4. "Is the conformation of the
ground, and the character of
the soil similar to that of
the adjacent cemetery?"

Answer 5. "P. B. Burchett tells me

If the two localities
that they are essentially alike
I have not however seen on the
Ritreat estate - the tenacious
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Query 5 - "I observe there is a ditch or
water course represented on the
South side of the grounds on the map
- is the water of that ditch used for
any domestic purpose - and is
the ground so much above its
level as not to be permeated by
the water?"

Answer 5 - "The water of the ditch is
too foul to be used for any
domestic purpose - the Ritreat
ground being higher than the
Green and Strays is not liable
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