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IN addition to the Inscriptions reprinted at the end of this Volume, a large collection, made by the Rev. Dr. JOHN RIPPON, in several volumes, is preserved in the Library of the Heralds' College, Doctors' Commons.

RÉPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE
COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL.

December 6th, 1866.

GABRIEL, *Mayor.*

A Common Council holden in the Chamber of the Guildhall of the City of *London*, on *Thursday* the 6th day of *December*, 1866.

THE Special Bunhill-fields Burial Ground Committee did this day deliver into this Court a Report in writing under their hands, of proceedings under the reference of the 7th of *December*, 1865, upon the Letter of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners upon the subject of *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground, and upon the Petition of *John Remington Mills* and others in respect of the said Burial-ground ; which was read.

RESOLVED, That the consideration thereof be adjourned ; and it is ordered that the Report be printed, and a copy sent to every member of this Court.

WOODTHORPE.

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R E P O R T.

To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

We the undersigned, of your Committee appointed on the seventh *December*, 1865, in respect of the preservation from desecration of the *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground, and to whom it was referred to have prepared by the proper officers, subject to our direction, certain returns asked for by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, upon the subject of the said burial-ground ;—and to whom also was referred, on the same day, the Memorial * of *John Remington Mills*, esq., M.P., and others, presented to your Honourable Court on the 9th *June*, 1864, praying that the Corporation would cause inquiry to be instituted into the circumstances under which *Bunhill-fields* Burial-ground had been opened and used, and to take whatever steps might be necessary to secure the ground for ever against any possible perversion to other uses than those to which for two centuries it had been sacredly appropriated, with authority to take such steps therein as we might think requisite, reporting the same to your Honourable Court, DO CERTIFY that we proceeded duly to consider the several references; and, having heard Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Comptroller, we directed them to search the several

* See Appendix I.

documents in their respective departments, and to prepare therefrom the returns asked for by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, first submitting the same to your Committee. The following Letter contains the request of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners referred to.

“ 10 *Whitehall* place, S.W., 28th *November*, 1865.

“ THE BUNHILL-FIELDS BURIAL-GROUND.

“ Sir.—I have laid before the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England* your communication of the 17th instant, and I am directed, prior to the consideration of the Memorial, to request you to be so good as to inform me what are the amounts of the annual receipts from, or the capital sums paid for, vaults and interments or otherwise, and received by the corporation during the current lease, and in what way the same may have been appropriated; and also to what charges or outgoings the land comprised in the cemetery is subject.

“ I am, sir, your very obedient servant,

JAMES J. CHALE.

“ The Town Clerk, Guildhall, E.C.”

Previously to our receiving the Report from our Officers on the subject of the information sought by the Commissioners, the following Letter, addressed on their behalf to the Town Clerk, enclosing a copy of a letter which they had caused to be addressed to Mr. *Samuel Morley*, on the subject, was laid before us, a copy of which letter and enclosure we append, as follows :

“ 10, *Whitehall* place, S.W., 18th *December*, 1865.

“ *Re* THE BUNHILL-FIELDS BURIAL-GROUND.

“ Sir.—I am directed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England* to transmit to you for the information of the Corporation of the City of *London*, the enclosed copy of a communication which, by the direction of the board, I have addressed to