

Death Notice:-

**PEARSE** ..Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, at Lindsay, Ryde, Major-General **James Langford PEARSE**, late Madras Staff Corps, from congestion of the lungs following influenza, aged 68.

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### **DEATH OF MAJOR-GENERAL JAMES LANGFORD PEARSE**

We deeply regret to record the death of Major-Gen. **Langford PEARSE**, which took place at his residence, Lindesay, on Tuesday morning last, from congestion of the lungs following on from influenza. The deceased entered the Service in 1844 and commanded a detachment sent in pursuit of the Cuddapah district rebels under Mirsimah Pedy in 1846. Subsequently when a field force was formed for the suppression of the insurrection he performed the duties of a staff officer until it was broken up. He joined the 5<sup>th</sup> Madras Native Infantry in December, 1852, during the Burmese war, and served with it till May, 1853, receiving the medal with clasp for Pegu. He also took part in the Egyptian expedition of 1882, was present at the defence of Alexandria, occupation of Kafu Dowar, and surrender of Damietta, receiving the medal and star. He had attained the rank of Major-General in 1879. At the funeral yesterday, the body was taken to All Saints' Church, where the service was rendered chorally. The coffin, which was of polished oak with brass furniture, was literally covered with floral wreaths and crosses. It bore the inscription "Major-General James Langford PEARSE. Born 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1823. Died 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1892." The body was met at the church door by the choir and the Revs. J. SHEARME, Canon POOLE, and W. E. YOUNGMAN. Mr. W. W. HARVEY, F.C.O., organist, played the "Dead March" in *Saul* as the procession passed up the aisle. The hymn "My God, my Father, while I stray" was sung before Psalm 90. Canon POOLE read the lesson, the hymn "Lead, kindly light" was sung, and the Vicar read the whope of the offices for the Burial of the Dead except the sentences of committal. The service in the church concluded with the hymn "Hark, hark, my soul." As the body and mourners were leaving the church Mr. HARVEY played Chopin's "March Funebre." The mourners were Capt. NAPIER PEARSE (son), Mrs. ARBUTHNOT and Miss PEARSE (daughters), and Mr. PEARSE (brother). Amongst those present were Gen. Sir H. D. DALY, G.C.B., C.I.E., Gen. ABBOTT, Gen. WILLIAMS, Col. Archibald CLARKE, Col. BURRARD, Col. LE MARCHANT, Surg.-Gen. ROSS, the Rev. W.H.E. WELBY, Major LOWTHER CROFTON, Capt. DAUBEZ, Capt. MENZIES, Col. WELLESLEY, Capt. WEIR ANDERSON, Major MONCKTON, Col. LAYARD, Messrs J. GLYNN OGLANDER, DALY, W. E. RATCLIFFE, J. N. HATHWAY, P. THELLUSSON, PAKENHAM MAHON, J. DAVIES, L. P. PYEMONT, H. DURRANT, W. GURNELL, H. PACK, H. THURLOW, H. O. COLYER, A. S. MARLOW, W. H. THIRKELL, and F. C. FARDELL. The plain grave was lined with moss, studded with white flowers, this having been done by the gardeners at Lindesay. Round the whole rim of the coffin was a frame-work of moss, studded thickly with bunches of violets and with lilies of the valley at intervals. Floral tributes were sent, amongst others, by "Nap," "Dilly," "Zoe," Katie and Nettie DUNDAS, "F.D.M.," "Nina," the flag officers and members of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Col. And Mrs. GARSTIN, Mary, Lily, and Maud DALY, Gen. RICHARDS, Mrs. Frederick R. N. FORTESCUE, Mr. and Mrs. HATHWAY, Gen. The Hon. S. J. G. CALTHORPE, Mrs. G. and the Misses ARBUTHNOT, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. RATCLIFFE, Major-Gen. and Mrs. G. A. WILLIAMS, Lieut.-Col. And Mrs. Archibald CLARKE, Capt. and Mrs. Ranald M. ALEXANDER, Gen. Sir Samuel and

Lady BROWNE, Major and Mrs. J. P. NAPIER, Miss Mary LEES, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur FLOWER, Major-General T. P. BERTHON, Mr. R. COLNUTT, and the servants. A very handsome wreath bore the inscription, "A tribute of respect and esteem to the memory of the late Major-General James LANGFORD PEARSE, from his tradesmen. Ryde, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1892." The funeral arrangements were admirably carried out by the Messrs. LANGDON, under the personal direction of Mr. C. LANGDON.

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