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John BRENTON. 59. Navy H.P. (No)

Henrietta BRENTON. 60. (Yes)

Fanny SAUNDERS. 18. (Yes)

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Address: Essex House, Wood-street, Ryde, Newchurch, IW.

John BRENTON. Head. M. 68. Retired Captain R.N. America, British Subject.

Henrietta BRENTON. Wife. M. 70. The Captain's Wife. Portsea, Hants.

Maria BEAUMONT. Serv. Widow. 65. Cook. Blythborough, Suffolk.

Phoebe BURDEN. Serv. U. 17. House Servant. St. Helens, Hants.

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 24th Sept 1859

Death Notice:-

BRENTON .. On the 17th inst., at Ryde, Vice-Admiral **John BRENTON**, K.S.V., aged 77.

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DEATH OF VICE-ADMIRAL JOHN BRENTON

We have this week the melancholy duty to record the death of this distinguished officer, which took place at his residence, Essex House, Ryde,, on the 17th inst. --He was born on the 28th August 1782, and entered the Navy 28th August 1798, as an A.B., on board the Asia 64, Capt. Robt. MURRAY, bearing the flag at Halifax of Vice-Admiral Geo. VANDEPUT, in which ship he attained the rating of Midshipman a few days afterwards, and returned home with convoy in December 1800. He then in succession joined the Assistance 50, Capts. Robt. HALL and Rich. LEE, employed in the North Sea in blockading the Dutch fleet, and Cæsar 80, Capt. Jahleel BRENTON, flag ship of Sir Jas. SAUNSARES, under whom he participated, 6th July 1801, in the battle of Algeciras, and, on the 12th of the same month, in the destruction of two Spanish first-rates and capture of a French 74 in the Gut of Gibraltar. He was next, as Acting Lieutenant, present at the evacuation of Minorca, consequent, on the treaty of Amiens; and, from that period until December, 1805, served with Rear-Admiral Sir Rich. HUSSEY BICKERTON, as Midshipman, Master's Mate, and again as Acting-Lieutenant, in the Kent 74, Royal Sovereign 100, and Queen 98, into which latter ship Lord COLLINGWOOD shifted his flag after the battle of Trafalgar. Having been immediately attached to the Nautilus sloop, Capt. John SYKES, Mr. BRENTON was, in March 1806 appointed to the San Ildefonso, Capt. John QUILLIAM, one of the Spanish third-rates taken at Trafalgar, to assist in navigating her to England. He was not, however, officially promoted until the 5th September 1806, when, after a further servitude, as Acting-Lieutenant, in the Hibernia 110, bearing the flag of Earl St. VINCENT, and London 98, Capt. Thos WESTERN, both in the Channel, he was confirmed into the Orion 74, Capt. Edward CODRINGTON, off Cadiz. From 17th January 1807, until July 1812, we next find him employed in the San Josef 110, Hibernia 110, Diomedé 50, and Victory 100, all flag ships of his friend Sir Jas. SAUMAREZ, on the Channel, Guernsey, and Baltic stations. On the 14th of the latter month Capt. BRENTON, to whom had been awarded the rank of Acting-Commander, was despatched, in conjunction with Capt. Hew STEUART, to aid the Russian Admiral MULLER in fitting out a flotilla of gun-boats for the protection of Riga. For his meritorious conduct in the discharge of the duties where there devolved

on him, including an expedition against the French and Prussians at Mittau, on the river Aa, he received the sanction of the Admiralty to his promotion by commission dated 20th November in the same year. He subsequently, from 27th June 1814, until paid off, 14th November 1815, commanded the 14-gun brig *Hasty*, on the North Sea and Irish stations; and, on 26th December 1822, was advanced to the rank of Captain. He became Rear-Admiral in 1852, and Vice-Admiral in 1858. The deceased, whose services at Mittau were rewarded with the insignia of a Knight of the Russian Order of St. Vladimir, of the fourth class, married, 28th September 1815, his cousin, Henrietta, daughter of the late Rear-Admiral Jahleel BRENTON, and sister of Vice-Admiral Sir Jahleel BRENTON, bart., K.C.B., and of Capt. Edw. Pelham BRENTON, R.N.

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