

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday July 11th 1863

BURIAL OF SIR JAMES L. CALDWELL

The mortal remains of this distinguished general- one of the last of the Seringapatam heroes- were deposited in a family vault, built in the Ryde cemetery, on Saturday last. On the arrival of the body at the chapel, the general's cap, sword, and spurs, together with the badge, collar, and star, as Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and other insignia, were laid on the coffin. The bier was borne on the shoulders of twelve veterans, who had seen service in various parts of the world, whose aid was volunteered (not, as we erroneously stated last week, "obtained"- a nice point, but still a point of honour), into the chapel, where that portion of the Burial Service set apart by the Rubric was read by the Rev. A. J. WADE. From thence the *cortege* proceeded to the vault, situated between the chapel and the old burial place, where the ceremony was completed. Several of the male relatives of the deceased- an old companion-in-arms of the gallant Knight now laid low, a venerable-looking warrior- all of the domestics, male and female, of the family, and a large number of the inhabitants of the town, were present on the mournful occasion. Flags ashore and in the offing, private houses, and shops, gave token of respect and regret. The memory of Sir James will be green for many a year to come.

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