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#### THE QUEENS VISIT TO RYDE.

On Saturday morning last, the Mayor of Ryde (Ald. E. Groves) received the following letter from the Queens Private Secretary:-

"Osborne, 30th July, 1897.

Dear Sir, The Queen has commanded me to inform you of her gratitude for the enthusiastic and loyal welcome with which Her Majesty was yesterday received by the inhabitants of Ryde. The Queen was delighted with the beautifully decorated streets and with all the arrangements which you and the authorities have evidently spared no pains to initiate and carry out.

Her Majesty has heard with deep regret of the sad fatal accident which occurred yesterday morning during the arrangement of the decorations. I am now telegraphing to you to inquire on Her Majesty's behalf for the survivor, who was seriously, though, it is hoped, not fatally, injured. I am, dear Sir, yours very faithfully. ARTHUR BIGGE.

The Mayor of Ryde."

#### THE RECENT FATAL ACCIDENT AT RYDE.

The Mayor of Ryde received the following letter on Saturday:-

"Osborne, 30th July, 1897.

Dear Mr Mayor, The Queen was greatly concerned to hear of the sad accident that occurred yesterday at Ryde during the preparations of the decorations, by which a man named James Fry unfortunately lost his life, and another man was injured. Her Majesty asks you to convey her sincere sympathy to Fry's widow and family in their sudden bereavement and trouble, and further commands me to ask you to be good enough to hand Mrs. Fry the enclosed £10, as it may possibly be of some help to her at this time.

I also enclose £5, which the Queen thinks may be of assistance to the other poor fellow who was injured.

Believe me, yours faithfully.

The Mayor of Ryde" FLEETWOOD I. EDWARDS.

The funeral of the poor man who was killed took place at the Cemetery on Saturday. Deceased being a naval pensioner the bier was drawn by four coast-guardsmen, and the Union Jack was used as a pall.

The Rev. W. R. A. Budd, Bible Christian minister, of East Cowes, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Jupe were amongst those present, who included representatives of the Bible Christians, Congregationalists, and Railway Mission. The Rev. W. R. A. Budd gave a short address on the uncertainty of life, and contended that deceased had met his death in the discharge of duty.

A floral tribute was sent by the Mayor and inhabitants, with deep regret and sympathy. Other bore the inscriptions: "In remembrance of faithful service, with heartfelt sorrow, " "With sympathy, from the sister of a distinguished naval officer."

We are glad to hear that the young man Gimblett is progressing satisfactorily. He was sufficiently well on Monday to be removed to his home.