## ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 1858

## MARRIAGE

The marriage of Captain **George HANCOCK**, R.N., son of the late Rear Admiral John HANCOCK, C.B., with the youthful and beautiful Contessina **Maria METAXÀ**, only surviving child of the Conte and Contessa METAXÀ ANSOLATO, was solemnised on Tuesday last at the Church of St. Thomas in the presence of a large circle of the friends and relatives of both families.

The fair bride was attired in a dress of white moire antique, with double skirt trimmed with Brussles lace flounces. A wreath of orange blossoms mixed with the flowers of the Fa.....? *(unreadable)* and a veil of Brussles lace completed the Brides toilette.

She was attended to the alter by six bridesmaids all similarly dressed in white glace silks with wreaths of Forget-me-nots and tulle veils.

After the ceremony an excellent déjeuner was given by the Contessa METAXÀ for a large and distinguished party.

Early in the afternoon the Bride and Bridegroom left for Folkestone, en route for the continent.

Researched by Ann Barrett