ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 16th October 1880

SUDDEN DEATH OF CAPT. BRIGSTOCKE.- We regret to record the sudden and unexpected death of Capt. George Campbell PLAYER BRIGSTOCKE. We understand that the deceased gentleman had taken a house in Ryde, and was coming here to reside permanently. Leaving his wife and family at their residence near Ipswich, he came here for a few days to make arrangements for their reception, and took lodgings at No. 1, Pier-terrace for a few days. On Wednesday morning, as deceased did not get up at his usual hour, his bed room was entered, and he was found dead in his bed. The deceased gentleman was 48 years of age. The cause of death is said to be heart disease, and a certificate to that effect having been given no inquest will be held. The deceased gentleman served with the 4th Dragoon Guards at Varna, and during the winter of 1854 in the Crimea, and was present at the battle of Balaclava in the memorable charge of the Heavy Brigade on that day. We understand the funeral will take place to-morrow (Saturday), at 3 o'clock, and that Capt. BRIGSTOCKE will be interred in the family vault in the Cemetery.

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 23rd October 1880

FUNERAL OF CAPT. BRIGSTOCKE.- The funeral of Capt. George Campbell PLAYER BRIGSTOCKE, whose sudden death we chronicled in our last issue, took place in the Cemetery on Saturday afternoon. The funeral cortege started from Pier-street shortly after 3, and was one of the most imposing which has been seen for some years. In addition to the hearse and three mourning coaches seven or eight private carriages were also in attendance, and the mournful procession extended half way up Union-street, in which and also in High-street, most tradesmen displayed the customary mark of respect by partially closing their shutters. Arrived at the Cemetery, the coffin was taken to the little chapel where the first part of the service was read by the Rev. W. M. HARRISON, and afterwards to the family vault, which had been constructed in the southern part of the Cemetery, where the remaining part of the service was gone through. Amongst the mourners and friends of the deceased gentleman we noticed W. P. BRIGSTOCKE, Esq., Major MORGAN, Capt. FELLOWES, W. E. RATCLIFFE, Esq., Col. TATNALL, S. SAUNDERS, Esq., Dr. DAVEY, E. ALDERSON, Esq., Rev. J. THRESHER, F. W. POPHAM, Esq., Col. DUNSMURE, P. THRESHER, Esq., Capt. DUFF, Capt. HATHWAY, Major A. F. LEEDS, Capt. B. LEEDS, C. FORBES, Esq., Captain TATTNALL, R.N., Capt. BOGER, R.N., Sir John LEES, Bart., Capt. TROLLOPE, R.N., Capt. MENZIES, R.N., and J. TORRE, Esq. There was also a very large attendance.

The funeral arrangements were very efficiently carried out by Messrs. LANGDON under the instructions of Major MORGAN, the brother-in-law of the deceased gentleman.

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