

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1885

LANDING OF A BODY AT RYDE.---On Sunday morning a boat arrived at the George-street slipway with rather a ghastly freight, the body of a sailor who had died at sea and was brought on shore for a Christian burial. It appeared that the name of the deceased was William CLARK, about 40 years of age, and that he was a ship's carpenter, on board the ss. Holderness. When off St. Catherine's on Saturday, the poor man, who had been ailing for some time, broke a blood vessel, and died very suddenly. Dr. WOODWARD having gone on board the ship and examined the body, and certified as to the cause of death, the same was brought ashore as stated. We are informed that even common decency was not observed by those in charge. The body was placed in a coffin on the slipway, actually screwed down there, and carried through the streets of the town on a Sabbath morning upon a truck, without even a flag or a pall to cover it.

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