Spencer Horsey de Horsey

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COWES.

DEATH OF ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE R.Y.S.

We regret having to announce the death of Spencer Horsey de Horsey, esq., after a somewhat lengthened illness. The melancholy event occurred on Sunday afternoon, about 2 o'clock, at his temporary residence at the Parade, Cowes, where he has been sojourning some few months past. The deceased was in the 70th year of age, and was an inestimable gentleman, much respected and beloved by a large circle of the aristocracy ; in fact, by all who had the felicity of being acquainted with him, whether rich or poor, particularly in this vicinity, where he had been an annual visitor for many, many years. He was one of the oldest members of the Royal Yacht Squadron, as will appear by this year's list, being No. 23 thereon. As soon as the death was known the burgees of the Squadron, ashore and afloat, were lowered half-mast, and several of the tradesmen put up their shutters as a mark of respect to his memory, and will remain so until this day (Friday), the day on which the interment has been appointed to take place at Carisbrooke, in the vault of his relatives.

The name de Horsey is familiar to the Island. Sir Edward Horsey, an ancestor of the deceased, was Captain of the Isle of Wight in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and whose administration we are told was very popular ; he died in 1582, and was buried at Newport. A very handsome monument was erected in the old Church to his memory, and upon rebuilding St. Thomas's Church it was restored.

The deceased gentleman was the son of the late Rev. Dr. Kilderbee, a frequent resident at Cowes, but took his surname from his maternal branch. He married in 1824 Lady Louisa Rous, a daughter of the late Earl of Stadbroke, by which married he had two sons and a daughter, now living – Lieut.-Col. de Horsey, of the Grenadier Guards, and Capt. de Horsey, R.N., who distinguished himself in the Crimea. The daughter is the present Countess of Cardigan. By the event many families are placed in mourning. He was formerly a M.P. ; in politics a Conservative.

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