

Robert Young

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Isle of Wight

NEWPORT, Nov. 24. – A most singular and unfortunate circumstance occurred at Clatterford, near this town. As Major-General Robert Young was at supper with his family, a small bone from a pig's foot which he was eating, lodged in his windpipe, and baffled medical skill to remove it. He lingered six weeks in this most distressing situation and terminated his existence on Friday se'nnight in the 46th year of his age. – His disconsolate widow and five children have to mourn the irreparable loss of an affectionate husband and father. As an officer and a gentleman he was beloved and respected, and universally regretted. He had served his Majesty with honour upwards of 23 years, on the Continent, in Egypt, and America, where he had been in a number of brilliant actions. His body was interred, on Thursday last, at Carisbrook (sic), with military honours. The road from the house to the church was filled on each side by soldiers with reversed arms ; the band from the Depot played a solemn dirge the whole of the way, which was thronged with spectators. Minute guns were fired from the castle heights during the time the funeral service was performing, which was read in the most impressive manner by the Rev. Wm. Sneyd, rector of Newchurch. Every Officer not on particular duty followed, and the pall was borne by the seniors in command. During the time the corpse was in the church some person rolled over a large stone, weighing nearly 200lb, from the top of the tower, when, astonishing to relate, although there were thousands of people beneath, not one received the smallest injury. – It is to be hoped that something may transpire to lead to his detection.

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