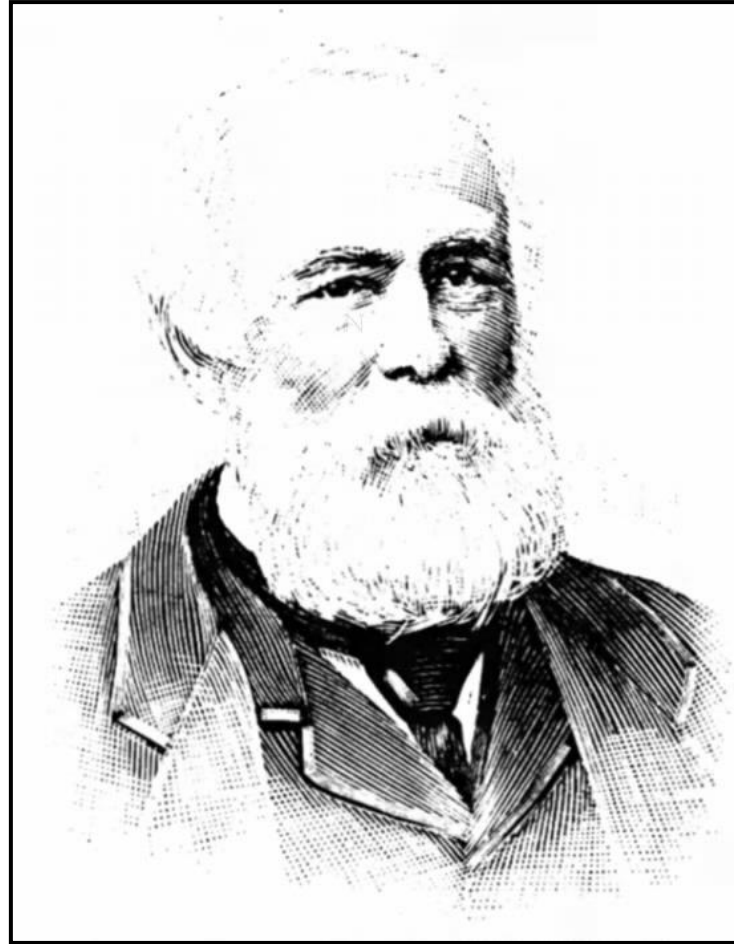


Francis EGERTON ADMIRAL

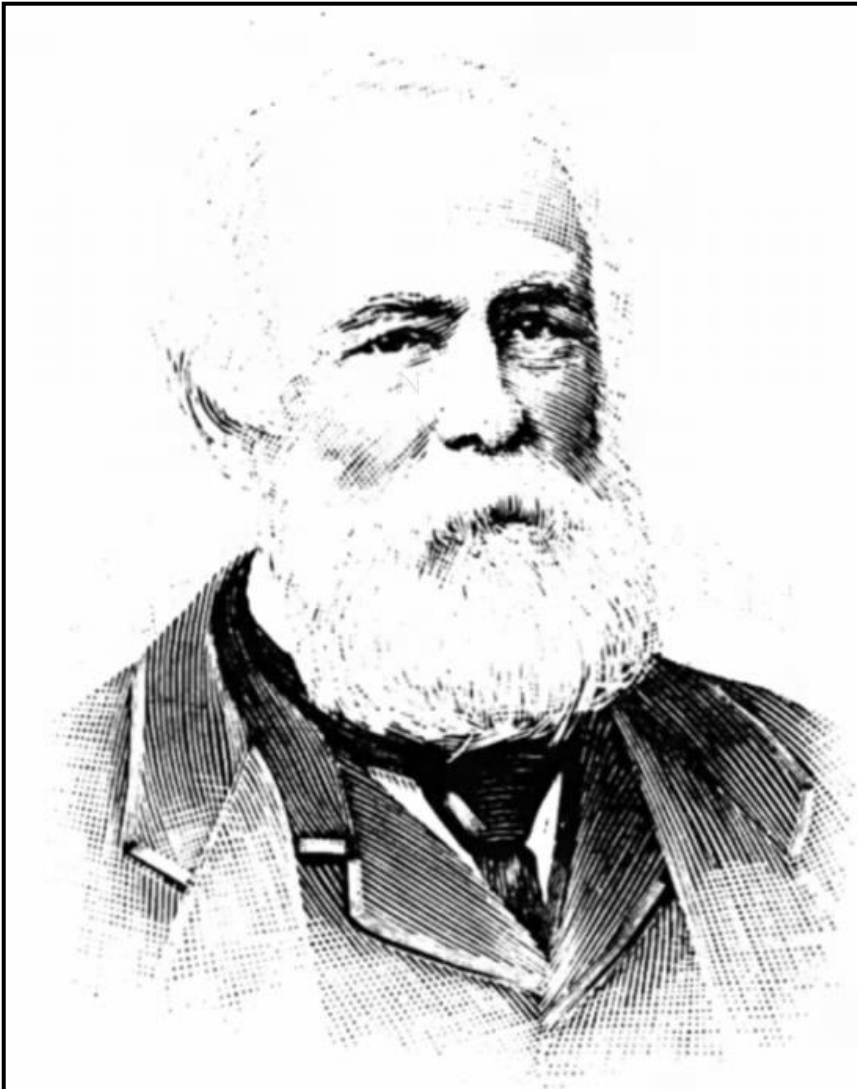


Born: 15 September 1824

Died: 15 December 1895

ADMIRAL
2nd SON of the 1st EARL





THE LATE ADMIRAL THE HON. F.
EGERTON

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Admiral the Hon. Francis Egerton, who died this week, was the son of the first Earl of Ellesmere, and was born in 1824. He entered the navy in 1840, and became Captain in 1855, Rear-Admiral in 1873, Vice-Admiral in 1878, and Admiral in 1884. He was present at the bombardment of Acre, and was in command of the *Basilisk* in the Baltic during the Russian War in 1854. He was Aide-de-Camp to the Queen from 1865 to 1873. Admiral Egerton, who was a Liberal, represented East Derbyshire in Parliament from 1868 to 1885, and in 1886 was returned for the North-East Division of the same county

From:
The **GRAPHIC**: *An Illustrated Weekly Newspaper.*
Saturday 28 December 1895

Francis Egerton was the second son of eleven children born to Harriet Catherine Greville, Countess of Ellesmere, and Francis Egerton, 1st Earl of Ellesmere, who served as Secretary at War and Chief Secretary for Ireland. His father inherited the considerable wealth (but not the titles) of Francis Egerton, 3rd Duke of Bridgewater.

His mother, a great-great-granddaughter of the 5th Baron Brooke, was the daughter of Charles Greville, and his paternal grandparents were George Leveson-Gower, 1st Duke of Sutherland and Elizabeth Leveson-Gower, Duchess of Sutherland (daughter of the 18th Earl of Sutherland). His maternal uncle was the private secretary to the Duke of Wellington.

In 1840, he joined the Royal Navy and immediately saw active service due to the Oriental Crisis of that year: he served off the Syrian coast and was present at the bombardment of Acre. During the Crimean War he was in command of HMS Basilisk and in 1855 he reached the rank of captain.

He was aide-de-camp to Queen Victoria from 1865 to 1873. In 1873, he was promoted to Rear admiral, and he was placed on the retired list in November 1875. Following his retirement,

he continued to be promoted: in 1878 to Vice-admiral and in 1884 to the rank of Admiral.

He also sat as Member of Parliament for Derbyshire East from 1868 to 1885 and for Derbyshire North-East from 1885 to 1886.

In his later years he was a resident of Surrey, where he continued his political activities as president of the Chertsey Division of the Central Liberal Council. He was appointed Lord Lieutenant of the county in 1893.

Egerton married Lady Louisa Caroline Cavendish (1835–1907), daughter of William Cavendish, 7th Duke of Devonshire, and sister of Spencer Cavendish, 8th Duke of Devonshire, in 1861. Together, Francis and Lady Louisa were the parents of:

- *William Francis Egerton (1868–1949), who married Lady Alice Osborne, a daughter of George Osborne, 9th Duke of Leeds*
- *Commander Frederick Greville Egerton (1869–1899), who died at Ladysmith in South Africa, from wounds received in action.*
- *Blanche Harriet Egerton (1871–1943), who was born in London and who did not marry.*
- *Dorothy Charlotte Egerton (1874–1959), who was appointed Officer, Order of the British Empire and who did not marry.*
- *Christian Mary Egerton (1876–1970), who was appointed Member, Order of the British Empire and who did not marry.*

He died on 15 December 1895 at his home in Weybridge from heart disease aged 71 and was buried at Byfleet.

EGERTON. (LIEUTENANT, 1846.)

THE HONOURABLE FRANCIS EGERTON served as Fst.-cl. Vol. of the PRINCESS CHARLOTTE 104, flagship of Hon. Sir Robt. Stopford, during the operations of 1840 on the coast of Syria, including the bombardment of St. Jean d'Acre; and during a portion of them was employed on shore. He passed his examination 7 June, 1845; and after an intermediate attachment to the EXCELLENT gunnery-ship at Portsmouth, Capts. Sir Thos. Hastings and Henry Ducie Chads, and RALEIGH 50, fitting for the broad pendant of Sir Thos. Herbert, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant 4 May, 1846. He was reappointed to the latter ship on 18 of the same month, and is now serving in her on the S.E. coast of America.

From: A Naval Biographical Dictionary by William Richard O'Byrne (1849)



Buried in St. Mary Churchyard, Byfleet, Woking, Surrey, England, aged 71.

1824: Born on 15 September **1824** at Cowes, I.O.W.. Baptised at Trentham, Staffs., on 26 October **1825**.

1840: Francis Egerton joined the Royal Navy. He served as Fst.-cl. Vol. of the *PRINCESS CHARLOTTE 104*, flagship of Hon. Sir Robt. Stopford, during the operations of 1840 on the coast of Syria, including the bombardment of St. Jean d'Acre; and during a portion of them was employed on shore. Present at the bombardment of Acre.

1845: He passed his examination 7 June, **1845**.

1846: He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant 4 May **1846**. From *The Morning Herald* (London) on Wednesday 6 May 1846:

*The promotions consequent on the visit of the Board of Admiralty to the fleet will be, on board the Raleigh, which frigate their lordships visited on Sunday,—Lieut. Edward Tatham (1838) to be commander; Mate **Francis Egerton** (1845) to be lieutenant. These officers will be re-appointed to the Raleigh, as Sir Thomas Herbert will hoist a broad pendant.*

18 May **1846:** Lieutenant in Raleigh, commanded by Thomas Herbert, south east coast of America (later Flag Lieutenant to Commodore Herbert)

1850: *The London Evening Standard* on Friday 8 February 1850 reported:

Lieut, the Hon. Francis Egerton, son of the Earl Ellesmere, promoted from the rank of mate, May 4, 1846, appointed to the Raleigh, 50, May 18, 1846, and subsequently appointed flag-lieutenant to Commander Sir Thomas Herbert, K.C.B., commander in chief on the south-east coast of America, has been promoted to the rank commander on Sir Thomas's haul down nomination

1852: H.M.S. Basilisk: (May 1852 - February 1855). Commanded by Commander **Francis Egerton** (Portsmouth), particular service, then (1854) the Baltic during the Russian War

1853: When the 1st Earl sailed for America on *H.M.S. Leander* as part of the Royal Commission to the World Fair in New York, the ship was accompanied by *H.M.S. Basilisk*, a steam sloop, the presumption being that this frigate would convey the British contributions to the Exhibition. The *Basilisk* was commanded by the second son of the Earl, the Honourable **Francis Egerton**. The *Basilisk* was described as a paddle wheel steam sloop, of 400 horse power. It carried six guns and had recently been serving with the North America and West Indies squadron.

1855: *The Morning Chronicle* on Saturday 3 February in its Naval and Military News column reported:

PROMOTIONS.

*Commanders Charles J. F. Ewart (1848), serving in the Trafalgar, 120, on the Mediterranean station ; and Hon. **Francis Egerton** (1850), serving as Commander of the Basilisk, paddle-wheel steam-sloop, have been promoted to be Captains.*

1857 (April) - **1858** (August): Captain in *H.M.S. Royal Albert*, Mediterranean.

1860-1864: H.M.S. St. George: Commanded (from commissioning at Plymouth until paying off at Plymouth) by Captain Hon. **Francis Egerton**, flagship of Rear-Admiral Edmund Lyons, Plymouth,

then (May 1861) North America and West Indies, then (May 1862) Channel squadron, then (November 1862) Mediterranean

1861 census: List of all crew and other persons on board *H.M.S. St George*. Position in Port Royal, Jamaica, on 7 April 1861. Total number = 689

Hon. **Francis Egerton** Captain S 36

[HMS *St George* was a 120-gun first rate ship of the line of the Royal Navy, launched on 27 August 1840 at Plymouth and converted into a wooden screw vessel 1856/9].

The Belfast Newsletter: Wednesday 4 October **1865**.

Egerton and Cavendish - September 26, at the Parish Church, Cartmel, Lancashire, by the Hon. and Rev. Francis Grey, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Hubbersley, Captain the Hon. Francis Egerton, R.N., A.D.C to the Queen, to Lady Louisa Caroline Cavendish, only daughter of the Duke of Devonshire, K.G.

The Kendal Mercury on Saturday 30 September **1865** printed a much more extensive account of the wedding:

MARRIAGE OF THE LADY LOUISA CAVENDISH WITH THE HONORABLE FRANCIS EGERTON, R.N.

We have to record (his week an event which took place, amidst great and universal rejoicing in the District, on Tuesday last, at Holker Hall, the seat of the Duke of Devonshire - the marriage of His Grace's only daughter with the Hon. Francis Egerton of the Royal Navy, a son the first Earl of Ellesuiere.

The enthusiastic demonstration of joy which greeted the celebration of this happy event on the part of His Grace's tenantry, and the numerous persons from every side whom the trains brought crowding from an early hour to the neighbourhood of the Hall, gave unmistakeable evidence of the public feeling existing towards His Grace's family, who have endeared themselves to all by the daily sympathies they have manifested, in a uniform identity of their public actions with the wants and the interests the place.

The marriage ceremony took place, according to her ladyship's wishes, at the fine old church at Cartmel, and thousands of spectators assembled to witness the event. The church was literally packed, and hundreds were unable to gain admission at all. But we must now attempt some description of the scene. On arriving at Cark station, the first thing which meets our eye is a noble arch, tastefully designed and decorated with evergreens and flowers, and surmounted with various flags and bearing the mottoes "Love, Joy, Peace, Health! and Happiness," and "Vive Hon. Francis et Louisa." On reaching the village, another triumphal arch was thrown across the bridge, tastefully decorated, and on the top is a ship full rig. At the top of the hill we find another neatly designed arch, tastefully decorated and also surmounted with a full-rigged ship. A little further on, a neatly executed wreath in leaves and berries is thrown across the road, a shield being suspended from the centre. On reaching the handsome new school at the village of Holker, we find another pretty arch, and flags floating in great profusion on every side. On the arch, are the words "God bless you", and the initial letters "F.E.," and "L. C. C." At Cartmel, flags innumerable were floating on every side, the fine old church being tastefully decorated, and at the entrance gate a pretty arch erected, bearing the words "God bless you." Previous to reaching this, however, is a neat arch with the words "Cartmel greets you", and further on, is another, surmounted with a ship, and bearing the words "Hurrah for the British Navy". From the entrance gate to the church, the way was covered and carpets laid, and tasteful .

The ceremony was performed by the Hon. and Rev Grey, assisted the Rev. R. C. Hubbersty, of Cartmel. On each side of the chancel, through which the marriage party passed, were twenty-six of the village school children, all dressed in white, with blue sashes and trimmings, and each bearing a beautiful basket of flowers, with which they strewed her ladyship's path on leaving the church. She was led to the altar by her noble father, and both seemed be much affected during the ceremony. Lord Edward Cavendish acted as the bridesgroom's best man, and the following is a list of the bridesmaids and the company who were present at the wedding and at the hall:- His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, Lady Louisa Cavendish, the Marquis of Hartington, Lord and Lady Frederick Cavendish, Lord and Lady Edward Cavendish, Lord and Lady George and Miss Cavendish, Lord Richard Cavendish, Mr. and Lady Fanny Howard, the Misses Howard, the Hon. and Rev. Francis and Lady Elizabeth Grey, the Dowager Countess Ellesmere, the Earl of Ellesmere, Lady Blanche Egerton, Captain the Hon. F. Egerton, Lord and Lady Enfield. Lady Caroline Lascelles, Hon. M. Lascelles, Miss Beatrice Lascelles, Dowager Duchess of Sutherland, and Miss Marshall. The bridesmaids being Lady Blanche Egerton, Hon M. Lascelles, Hon. M. Lascelles, Miss B. Lascelles, Miss Cavendish, Miss Howard, and Miss Margaret Howard.

The noble Bride was attired in white satin, Brussels lace veil, with a wreath of orange blossoms, and white roses. The bridesmaids in white muslin and pink sashes, white tulle bonnets, with green fern. The procession to and from the Church was headed by the tenantry in the neighbourhood, of which there were 56, all well mounted, and each wearing a white waistcoat, altogether forming a very interesting spectacle.

On emerging from the Church after the ceremony, the happy couple were greeted with loud and prolonged cheering. The breakfast, was set out in the Library. It was of a most recherché description. The bride's-cake was supplied by Mr. Gunter, of Berkeley-square, London, and was a most elegant affair.

The presents which were forwarded to Her Ladyship were, we understand, both very numerous and valuable. Upwards of 250 of the tenantry and tradesmcn were entertained at the new schoolroom to an excellent dinner, provided Mrs. Pedder, of the Cavendish Arms, Cartmel. All the workmen's wives and children, to the number of 280, were treated with tea at Mr. Wren's, at Cark, and all the school children had tea Flockburgh, and bread and cheese and ale were liberally dispensed to all the old people at Cartmel.

THE DINNER

at the Schoolroom was presided over by Mr. Drewry, of Holker House, His Grace's agent. Shortly after dinner was over. a most pleasing feature in the day's proceedings was the appearance of the Marquis of Hartington, Captain Egerton. Lord and Lady Cavendish, Lord and Lady Frederick Cavendish, and the rest of the company from the Hall, with the exception of His Grace and Lady Louisa, and all were greeted with hearty cheers as they entered the room.

After the usual loyal toasts, the Chairman in complimentary terms gave the healths of Lord Frederick Cavendish and the ladies' maids, who, he said, had conferred a high compliment on the company for their condescension in coming amongst them. The toast was drunk with hearty cheers. The Chairman next gave "His Grace the Duke Devonshire". The toast was drunk with three times three.

Several other toasts were drunk after which the meeting broke up, and repaired to the hall to witness a variety of sports including hurdle and foot races, pole, high leaping,

&c., all of which seemed to be watched with interest by the Duke's distinguished guests. A grand display of fireworks, wound up the proceedings of this long remembered day. The Ulverston Volunteer band was present, and played at intervals during the day. The engines on the railway, we should not omit to mention, were gaily decorated with festoons of evergreens, flowers, and flags. In conclusion, we can only endorse the sentiments and wishes which were expressed by all—that the noble pair, who were the cause of this day's great festivity and rejoicing, may both have a long and happy life before them.

In some reports of his marriage, he was also titled as A.D.C. to the Queen. His appointment was announced in *The Globe* on Wednesday 26 April **1865**. "*The Hon. Francis Egerton, to be one of the Queen's Naval Aides-de-Camp.*" *The Naval & Military Gazette* of Saturday 6 May added that he "*has been twenty-five years in the Navy, eighteen of which sea service. He is forty years of age.*"

On Saturday 27 May **1865**, "*By command of the Queen, a levee was held at St. James's Palace by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on behalf of Her Majesty. The following officers were presented:...*

Capt. Hon. Francis Egerton, on app[ointment] as A-D-C to the Queen, by Duke of Somerset."

1866 (March) - **1867** (August): Captain in Victory, flag-ship, Commander-in-chief Portsmouth.

1868: Birth of William Francis in London. [Later, a Captain. 17th Hussars. 1868-1949]

1869: Birth of Frederick Greville Egerton in London. [Later, a Commander. R.N. 1869-1899]

1871: St. George's Hills, Byfleet.

Francis Egerton	Head	M	46	M.P.; Captain Royal Navy; J.P.
Louisa	Wife	M	36	
William F.	Son		3	
Frederick G.	Son		2	
+ 11 Domestic				

1873: Admiralty, 12th February, **1873**.

Captain Charles Joseph Frederick Ewart, C.B., has been promoted to the rank of Retired Rear-Admiral from the 8th instant, consequent on the promotion of Captain the Honourable **Francis Egerton** to be Rear-Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet.

1875: Admiralty, 4th November **1875**.

In accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Orders in Council of the 22nd February, 1870, and 5th August, 1875 - Rear-Admiral the Honourable **Francis Egerton**, has been this day placed on the Retired List of his rank, and the following promotion, consequent thereon, has been made from the same date :- Captain Robert Jenkins, C.B., to be Rear-Admiral in Her Majesty's Fleet.

1878: Admiralty, 14th March **1878**.

Promoted to Vice-Admiral on the Retired List.

1880: Crown Office, April 16, 1880.

MEMBERS returned to serve in the PARLIAMENT summoned to be holden at Westminster on the 29th April, 1880.

County of Derby: Eastern Division
Admiral the Honourable **Francis Egerton**.

1881 census: St. George's Hill, Byfleet.

Adm. Hon. Francis Egerton	Head	M	56	Vice-Admiral Retired List
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Lady Louisa	Wife	M	46	Lady	
Blanche	Daur.		9		b. Byfleet
Dorothy	Daur.		6		b. Chatsworth
Christine	Daur.		4		b. Byfleet

+ 3 Visitors + 18 Domestic

1886: *Admiralty, 7th July, 1886.*

IN accordance with the provisions of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 26th June, 1886, the undermentioned Vice-Admirals have been promoted to the rank of Admiral on the Retired List, with seniority as stated against their names :-

Vice-Admirals : Honourable **Francis Egerton**, 27th October 1884.

1887-1895: President of Byfleet C.C. (founded 1876)

Admiral the Hon. **Francis Egerton**

1891 census: St. George's Hills, House, Byfleet.

Francis Egerton	Head	M	66	Retired Admiral of the Fleet	b. Cowes, I.O.W.
Louisa C.	Wife	M	56		b. London
Blanche H.	Daur.	S	19		b. Byfleet, Surrey
Dorothy C.	Daur.	S	16		b. Edensor, Derbys
Christine M.	Daur.		14		b. Byfleet, Surrey

+ 1 Governess (School)
+ 1 Nurse (Sick)
+ 8 Domestic

EGERTON the honourable Francis of St. George's-hill Surrey admiral in the royal navy died 15 December 1895 Probate **London** 22 February to the right honourable lady Louisa Caroline Egerton widow the right honourable Francis Charles Granville earl of Ellesmere and the honourable Alfred Lyttleton Effects £36976 13s. 1d.

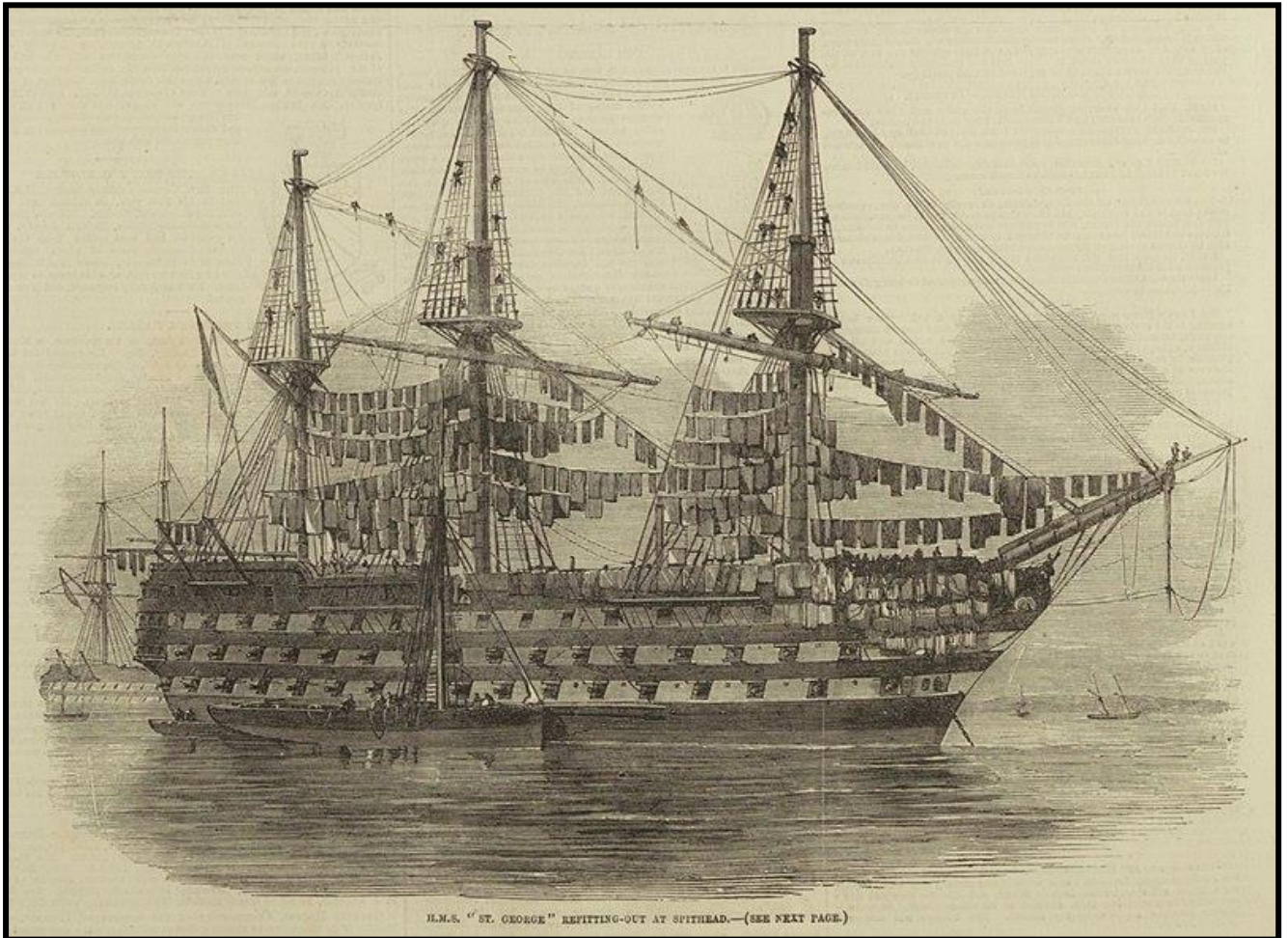
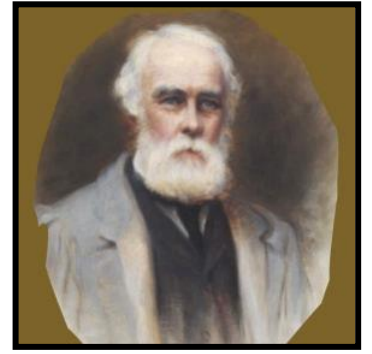
1895: *The London Gazette* 1 February **1895**

INSTRUMENT substituting the New Church of Saint Peter, situate within the New Parish of Saint Peter, Field Broughton, in the county of Lancaster, and in the Diocese of Carlisle, for the Old Church of Saint Peter situate within and hitherto being the Parish Church of the same New Parish.

To all to whom these prests shall come, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England send greeting: WHEREAS a new church has lately been built within the new parish of Saint Peter, Field Broughton, in the county of Lancaster, and in the diocese of Carlisle, and has been consecrated and dedicated to Saint Peter. And whereas the Right Reverend John Wareing, Bishop of the said diocese of Carlisle, the Most Noble Spencer Compton, Duke of Devonshire, a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, and the Honourable **Francis Egerton**, a retired Admiral in Her Majesty's Navy, the patrons of the vicarage of the said new parish of Saint Peter, Field Broughton, and the Reverend Henry Alfred Ransome, Clerk in Holy Orders, the Vicar or Incumbent of the said vicarage, have, by an instrument under their hands, bearing date on or about the sixteenth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, certified, to us, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, that it would be for the-convenience of the said new parish of Saint Peter, Field Broughton, that the said new church of Saint Peter, situate within such parish, should be substituted for the old parish church (also dedicated to Saint Peter) of the same new parish.



Date	Rank
1840	Entered Navy
4 May 1846	Lieutenant
30 January 1850	Commander
1 February 1855	Captain
8 February 1873	Rear-Admiral
4 November 1875	Retired Rear-Admiral
9 March 1878	Retired Vice-Admiral
27 October 1884	Retired Admiral



H.M.S. St. George - refitting-out at Spithead

