

T h o m a s     B a t h     J . P .

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Thomas Bath, J.P. was born on the 29th. of January 1825 at Penair, in the Parish of St. Clements, near Truro, in the County of Cornwall, England. His father was a farmer, and his ancestry can be long and honorable traced back through the centuries of the past.

After being educated, he at the age of twelve became engaged in the butchering business in Truro where he remained until his twentieth year. This he relinquished for "a life on the rolling main" and on the 4th. of May 1846 he enlisted on board the British troopship "Bellisle", Captain Kingcome, which was engaged in transferring England's "thin red lines" to and from her possessions abroad where their services were required in the defence of the nation. The Mediteranean ports - Gibraltar, Corfu and Malta were visited, as well as the West Indies, Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

During the Irish famine in 1847 "The Bellisle" with Mr. Bath aboard, was engaged in carrying meal from Corfu to the Cove of Cork now called Queenstown.

All the exciting incidents pertaining to " a life on the ocean wave" were his. Memories, which can only be effaced by death, of hair breadth escapes to his fellow seamen and himself, are still vivid in his recollective mind. On one occasion whilst on a voyage to the West Indies during