

A Careful Veteran

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Died, at Campbeltown, Ardersier, on the 23rd ult., **John Bremner**, pensioner, in the 91st year of his age. This veteran served for twenty years in India in the 73rd regiment, and was present at the assault and taking of Seringapatem in 1799. His habits were peculiar and his parsimoniousness extreme. While in India he saved about £400; and with a pension of 1s. 8 1/2d. a-day, which he enjoyed for upwards of forty years, his savings accumulated to £1000, which large sum he died possessed of. He lived very sparingly and on the simplest fare, being strictly a vegetarian. No tailor's bill encroached on **John's** savings for the oldest inhabitant of the parish never saw a change in his dress – a regimental-fatigue jacket, a coat, and a hat of the last century, forming the prominent parts of his wardrobe. About twenty years ago he took great delight in rearing guinea-pigs, and had often as many as thirty at a time, all enjoying the range and privilege of his apartment. In this stock he carried on a considerable traffic with the boys who bought them for pets. For the last few years **John's** sight was much impaired, and latterly he was blind. He was an inoffensive man – not meddling in politics or polemics; and he regularly walked to the church, a distance of about a mile, so long as his strength permitted. It may be added that he lived and died a bachelor.