

## COTTON, Sir STAPLETON (1773 - 1865), 6th baronet, afterwards 1st viscount Combermere, field-marshal

**Name:** Stapleton Cotton  
**Date of birth:** 1773  
**Date of death:** 1865  
**Parent:** Frances Russel Cotton (née Stapleton)  
**Parent:** Robert Salusbury Cotton  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** field-marshal  
**Area of activity:** Military  
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came of the house of **Salusbury** of Llewenni - pedigree in **J. E. Griffith**, *Pedigrees*, 222. **Sir John Salusbury** (died *s.p.* 1684) left the estate to his sister **HESTER** (died 1710), who married **Sir Robert Cotton**, 1st baronet, of Combermere (died 1713); their son **Sir THOMAS COTTON**, 2nd baronet (died 1715), married **Philadelphia Lynch**. They had three children, of whom the youngest, **Hester**, married **John Salusbury** of Bachygraig, and was the mother of **Hester Lynch Piozzi**. The eldest, **Sir ROBERT SALUSBURY COTTON**, 3rd baronet, died 1748; his brother, **Sir, Lynch Salusbury Cotton**, 4th baronet (died 1775), had a son, **Sir ROBERT SALUSBURY COTTON**, 5th baronet (died 1807), who married **FRANCES RUSSEL STAPLETON**, co-heiress of the house of **Bodryddan**, Flintshire (**J. E. Griffith**, *op. cit.*, 260-1). Their son, born 14 November 1773 (at Llewenni), is the subject of the present notice. His very distinguished military career is described fully in the *D.N.B.* He served in Flanders, at the Cape, and in India, where he came to the notice of **Sir Arthur Wellesley**, who used him as cavalry commander in the Peninsular War, and would, if he had had his way, have chosen him to command the cavalry at **Waterloo**. He was afterwards governor of **Barbados** (1817-20), **Com.-in-Chief** in **Ireland** (1822-5) and in **India** (1825-30), and became field-marshal in 1855. He was raised to the peerage in 1814 and created viscount in 1827. D. 21 February 1865. His younger grandson, **Col. R. S. G. Cotton**, of **Llwyn Onn**, **Llanfairpwll** (1849 - 1925), presented the library of the University College of North Wales with an interesting collection of manuscripts relating to the family estates in the West Indies. **James Henry Cotton**, dean of **Bangor**, was the field-marshal's first cousin, their fathers being brothers.

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