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January 4. 1877.

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

Andrus J. Smith

at

Frederburgh

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

January 8th 1877.

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Wm. C. Smith

Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

No. 64.
[Stereo.]

INQUISITION.

Victoria

TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at

Freetown

the Colony of Victoria aforesaid,
the 4th day of January A.D. 1877, in
the fortieth year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen,
before me Jno. E. H. M. J.

* City, Town, County, or District,
as the case may be.

Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the District of
Bright aforesaid, upon the
view of the body of Andrew Hume then

Jurors' Christian and Surname
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of†

Charles Fraser Foreman

John Walden

Thomas Blair

Frederick Hutton

John Irony

Jno. Scott

Jno. C. H. J.

William Lilly

Patrick McGinnis

Thomas Poole

John O'Brien

Sanderson Mortimer

good and lawful men of

Freetown

in the

said

Colony

who being duly sworn and charged to

inquire, upon the part of our Lady the Queen, when, where, how, and by what means the

said

Andrew Hume

came

by†

his death, do say upon their oath that §

He was "found

drowned" in the Ocean River at Freetown

on January 4. 1877. There is no

† His or her.

§ Here state cause of death, if known; if unknown, doubtful, or no evidence, state the fact accordingly, using the words of the Verdict of the Jury.

It is desirable that the Jury should find expressly, whether there are or are not marks of external violence on the body of deceased.

Inducer to show how deceased
got into the water - but we have
no reason to suspect foul play
on the part of them

In witness whereof as well the aforesaid Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid, have to
this Inquisition put their hands and seals, on the day and year, and at the place above
mentioned.

Thos Clunby

Coroner.

Here let each Juror sign his
own name, or make his own
mark, and affix or acknowledge
his seal.

Charles Green

Samr Wedder

Thomas Blair

Fred Weather

Sanderson Morton

Thos S. Bond

John Ivory

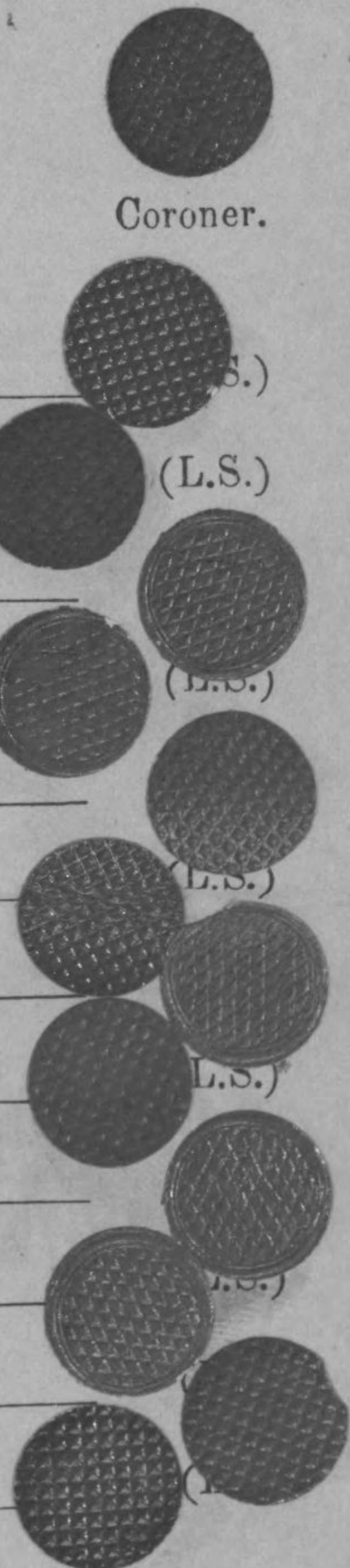
Thom Scott

William Folley

John Oshorne

Patience McQuinn

Thomas Bibly



Mr Osborn sent me down to the
Coroner to report the death of
Andrew Finney. he having been
found in the Crues River near his
own residence, this morning by
Isaac Sloan,

Dated at Puzos
this 14 day of January 1877

Peter Duff

I sent this informant to the
Police who reported similarly to
them. I received no report from
them. but the evidence of the
Constable accompanies the rest

Thos E. Murray
Coroner

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

Isaac Sloan

TO WIT.

on his oath saith, I am a

Miner

residing at

Frederburg*Christian and
Surname in
full.

I recognize the body of deceased as that of Andrew Finnie who was my neighbor. This morning the Scott came to me about nine o'clock & asked how I saw Finnie as he was missing that his wife was very uneasy as he had a slight touch of the Wren. I started off to search for him in the direction of the Owen River and when I came to the bank I followed it down a short distance and saw the body in the water it was covered with the water. I ran in immediately and dragged the body out. He was then dead and cold I felt the heart but it did not beat. I came to the road and reported it. I went back accompanied by Scott & Walden. we took the body and placed it under some hay. There were no marks of violence on the face or head. and no appearance of a struggle on the bank.

Taken and Sworn before me, the 4th day
of January, 1877, at Frederburg
John Chumley
Coroner.

Isaac Sloan

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,)

This Deponent*

Edward Asbourn

TO WIT.

} on his oath saith, I am a

Storekeeper

residing at

Woolshed.* Christian and
Surname in
full.

Yesterday Wednesday morning I last saw
deceased alive. He then complained
of being unwell he did not state from
what caused. This morning Mrs Fanni
came to my store enquiring if her
husband had been to my store she was
in a very nervous excited state. She
said he left without taking his breakfast
or dinner with him and she did not
know what to make of it. I then
set some persons to look for him.
afterwards I heard he was found in
the river drowned. I know deceased
was in difficulties financially but as
there was no one pressing him. I do not
think it would cause him to commit
suicide. but he was of a very sensitive
nature. he was about having some
stone crushed at my mill from which
he expected good results

Ed Asbourn
14th

Taken and Sworn before me, the 14 day
of January, 1877, at Traralgon
Thos E. Quinlan
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

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COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

TO WIT.

on her oath saith, I am a

*Christian and
Surname in
full.

residing at

Mary Turner
wife of Andrew Turner
Hobart

Between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning
I last saw my husband alive he was
then in his usual health but low spirited,
this arose from his drinking a good deal
late, since before Christmas, but he
did not drink anything since last
Sunday, the effects of the previous
drinking produced something like
poison. He complained of bad dreams
but he never threatened to take away
his life. I do not suspect any
 foul play and think the drink was
the sole cause of his drinking himself—
When I awoke this morning and found
he was gone. I looked and saw he had
not taken his breakfast and I did not
like it. I sent my little boy to the claim
to enquire and found he was not there.
I then went to Mr Storm & told him

Taken and Sworn before me, the 4 day
of January, 1877, at Hobart
John E. Kennedy
Coroner.

Mary Finner Coulter

and also some neighbors & they went
to look for him and Mr Sloan found
him in the river, he was then dead

Mary Finner

Taken & sworn before me
the 4th January 1877 at
Truburg

J. P. E. Spaulding
Clerk

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA, }

This Deponent* James Robinson

TO WIT. }

on his oath saith, I am a Minerresiding at Fredericton*Christian and
Surname in
full.

about 15 minutes before six o'clock
this morning I was passing along the
road to my work I saw deceased
standing at his own gate I thought
by him that he wished to speak to me
and I turned towards the house but
he immediately turned round and
entered his own house there was
nothing particular in his appearance
to attract my attention. I heard his
voice. I then went on and saw no
more of him until I heard he was
dead. The dress deceased has now on
is the same I saw on him this morning
when alive

James Robinson

Taken and Sworn before me, the 4th day
of January, 1877, at Fredericton
John C. Gault
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

COLONY OF VICTORIA,

This Deponent*

TO WIT.

* Christian and
Surname in
full.

on his oath saith, I am a

residing at

*Thomas Morney**Constable stationed at Brighton**Brighton*

about 12 O'clock today it was reported
to me that a man named *Finch*
drowned himself in the Ocean River at
Worthing. I proceeded to
the place and saw *Mr. Sloan* who
took the body out of the river. The body
then lay on the bank. I examined it
and found no marks of violence on the
body. I searched about the bank but
could not see any trace of a struggle
or even of foot marks where he went
in. I found a *kurri* and string and
flask in his pockets which I now produce
I had the body brought up to whom it
now lies. I am in suspicion of foul
play

Thos. Morney

Taken and Sworn before me, the *14th* day
of *January*, 18*77*, at *Frederburg*
Thos. Channing
Coroner.