

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

No. 64.
[Stereo.]

INQUISITION.

Ballarat
Quinn
TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at *Victoria Hotel Ballarat* in the *District* of *Ballarat* aforesaid, the *Twenty first* day of *May* A.D. 18*69*, in the *Twenty third* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen, before me *George Cunningham* Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the *District* of *Ballarat* aforesaid, upon the view of the body of *Catherine Anne Moss* then

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

Jurors' Christian and Surname in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of *Joseph James*
George Cantles
John Slaysby
John McFarlane
Walter Wheeler
Charles Holt
William Thompson
William Thompson
Henry Plant
Benjamin Alexander
Alex^r Cruik
Alex^r Croome

good and lawful men of *Victoria* in the said *District* 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 *Catherine Anne Moss* came by *her* death, do say upon their oath that *Her death took place on the Twenty first instant*
residence of
in the William Moss Armstrong
Street N^o 13 Ballarat

† 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.

and was caused by Exhaustion
from shock to her nervous system
and excessive Hemorrhages from
a gun shot wound in
her chest inflicted on her
by James Matthew Cook
on same day and at same
place

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.

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

G. Huntington
Joseph Jones
Geo H. Gaults
Hosley &
A. B. Hancock
M. H. C. Rose
John M. Hartney
G. W. Milton
W. Thompson
H. B. Chalmers
J. L. Craig
B. A. Alexander
Alexander Cross

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CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Phallan
District
TO WIT.

* All names of Witnesses.

THE Examination of * Elmer Dadd

of Phallan, taken on oath this twenty first
day of May A.D. 1867, at Phallan

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said † District

The deponent Elmer Dadd

on his oath, saith as follows:—I am a servant in the

employment of Wm Moss and I was
in a small room off the Shop about9 o'clock this morning. There is a window
looking into the Shop—Wm Moss theDeceased was with me in the room
and Edm Cash then came into the Shopand Alfred Upjohn was in the Shop
at same time—and Wm Moss thenopened the passage door and spoke to
Wm Moss. He was pale and wild lookingat the time—Wm Cash then left
the Shop and he returned in 5 to 10minutes and Wm Moss was in the
Shop when he returned—and thenWm Cash spoke to Wm Moss who was behind
the counter—and I saw Wm Moss take abottle and drink out of it—and Wm
Moss asked him what it was and he saidit was Strong Chinee—the boy Upjohn was
not in Shop at this time—Cash spoke as ifhe was in a passion—and he then went to Grand
Jury and looked to some

Coroner.

Taken and sworn before me the

day of

A.D. 186

at

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

TO WIT.

* All names of Witnesses.

THE Examination of *

Elvira Dadd
Cant

of

, taken on oath this

day of

A.D. 186 , at

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said †

The deponent

Elvira Dadd

on his oath, saith as follows:—

The person then brought a gun to the door and fired at Mr. Cash and he then went round to behind the counter to where Mr. Moss was standing - close up to him and he then presented the gun towards Mr. Moss - I then went out to the passengers and ^{asked} Mr. Moss to come out - He looked at me but never spoke and Cash then fired the gun towards Mr. Moss - and I then heard Mr. Moss say Oh my foot - and then saw him screaming - I then went out at last to call Mr. Moss - I spoke to 2 men who went into shop - and when I went out I saw both Mr. Moss and Mr. Cash lying in front of shop

Taken and sworn before me the

day of

at

May A.D. 186

Elvira Dadd
Coroner.

Elvira Dadd

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Pallamatt
District
TO WIT.

* All names of Witnesses.

THE Examination of * Stephen Shrumpton

of Pallamatt, taken on oath this twenty first
day of May A.D. 1864, at Pallamatt

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said † District

The deponent Stephen Shrumpton
on his oath, saith as follows:—

I am a Cab proprietor
residing at the Criterion Hotel
I have seen the body of Mr. Cook—
on this morning about 9 o'clock
Mr. Cook came to me on the Cab
stand in Street 5th and he desired me
to drive him to Man 5th Lane of the
Royal George Hotel. Mr. Cook got in
and went up the right of way—and he
returned in 7 or 8 minutes with the
double barreled gun and bottle
now before the jury—and he then
desired me to drive him to Mr. Moss's
in Amstbury 5th Street, where
I was driving so—Mr. Cook got out—and
he desired me to follow him up—he
left the gun in the Cab—but he took
the bottle with him—I drove up
to Mr. Moss's Shop door—and immediately
after Mr. Cook came out of Shop door
and he took the gun from me
I asked Mr. Cook if the
gun was loaded before
he got out of Cab

Taken and sworn before me the

day of
at

A.D. 186

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

TO WIT.

* All names of Witnesses.

THE Examination of

Stephen Shrimpton
Caucas

of

, taken on oath this

day of

A.D. 186 , at

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said †

The deponent

on his oath, saith as follows:—

Stephen Shrimpton
and he said it was
and told me - to mind that I
did not drop out of Cab - There
was nothing excited or peculiar
in his manner whilst with me
I never saw Mr Cook before to know him
- when I handed Mr Cook the gun he
said that well do - and I saw him
go back into the shop - and whilst
turning round to drive away
I heard two reports of a gun
one after the other - I heard no talking
in the shop - I was then told to drive
for Dr Hudson - and I drove him
back to Mr Moss's & then drove away
to Cab stand - Before he got out of
Cab - Mr Cook said he wished to leave
the gun at Mr Moss - but he wished
Mr Moss to be absent at the time

Taken and sworn before me the

day of

A.D. 186

at

Racine at

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Ballaunet
Dumont
 TO WIT.

* All names of Witnesses.

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

THE Examination of * *George Henry Hamilton*
 of *Ballaunet*, taken on oath this *twenty first*
 day of *May* A.D. 188*6*, at *Ballaunet*
 before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said † *Dumont*
 The deponent *Geo H Hamilton*
 on his oath, saith as follows:—

I am a legally
qualified Medical Practitioner
residing in Dumont Street
and was called about 9.30 of
this morning to Mr Moss's place
and on entering the Shop I saw
two bodies lying close together
on floor of Shop - I recognised
the body of Mr Moss - and on
examination of his body I found
a large opening in his right breast
under the nipple - and into which
I could introduce my three fingers
and then found that some portions
of the ribs and all the vitæ funiculi
were carried into the cavity of chest
and the corresponding position of
lung was injured - as also
I think the heart - There was
a considerable quantity
of blood on floor of
greater part of which

Taken and sworn before me the

day of

A.D. 186

at

Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

TO WIT.

* All names of Witnesses.

THE Examination of *

Geo H Hamilton
Cant

of

, taken on oath this

day of

A.D. 186 , at

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

before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said †

The deponent

Geo H Hamilton

on his oath, saith as follows:—

came from WY
Mass — I am of opinion that
in heart and great bloodletting
must have been suspected of her
From the nature of the
injuries and surrounding
circumstances — I am of opinion
that the injuries to chest
were caused by a few shot
loaded I think with shot rather
and the cause of her death
was exhaustion from shock
to her nervous system and
excessive hemorrhage

Geo. H. Hamilton

Taken and sworn before me the

day of

A.D. 186

at

21st
May 74
Bellefleur
S. J. Cunningham

Coroner.