

St. Andrews
Dinner

South
Rock

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 17th
day of July A.D. 1856,
at Melbourne }

Dr. W. H. W. W. W. Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

[No. 66.]

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

To Wit.

* All names of Witnesses.

THE Examination of*

George Webster M.D.
Surgeon of Gaols -

of

Melbourne

taken on oath this

day of

July

A.D. 1856, at

Melbourne

City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said †
as the case may be.

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

The deceased came under my professional notice about eighteen months since in consequence of his becoming an inmate of this Gaol. He has been discharged on several occasions since that time but has been brought back again on some charge generally for drunkenness. He was the subject of a very severe and intractable syphilitic disease, often ~~obscuring~~ disturbing the nervous system and causing epileptic fits. Yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock he had a fit which ended in a state of insensibility and loss of power which continued until his death at about three o'clock this morning. The immediate cause of death in this instance has been apoplexy the result of former disease induced by intemperance and debilitation.

Geo. Webster, M.D.

DEPOSITION OF WITNESS.

Victoria }

To Wit.

* All names of Witnesses.

THE Examination of*

William Abbott
Gaoler at the Western Gaol -of Melbourne taken on oath this 17th
day of July A.D. 1856, at Melbourne

City, Town, District, or County, before the undersigned, a Coroner in the said †

This Deponent

on his oath saith as follows:

The deceased was admitted into this Gaol on the 14th ult: under the rascally act. Her name was Mary Smith alias Sarah Bolton aged about 43 years. She has been received into the Gaol on ten or more occasions under sentence during the last fourteen months. Her health has been greatly weakened by dissipation and when her last sentence expired on the 14th inst. her strength was too feeble and her health too impaired to send her away. She has therefore continued under medical care until her death which took place this morning. She has been quite idiotic for the last few days and has been raving about her husband whom for whose murder she was tried about two years since, but was acquitted of the crime -

Wm Abbott
Gaoler

DEPOSITION OF WITNESSES

TAKEN and Sworn before me the 17th
day of July A.D. 1856,
at Melbourne

J. B. Wilmshurst, Coroner.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE CORONERS.

INQUISITION.

Victoria }
TO WIT.

AN Inquisition for our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, taken at
the *Melbourne* in
the *Colony* of *Victoria* aforesaid,
the *17th* day of *July* A.D. 185*6*, in
the *Twentieth* year of the Reign of our said Lady the Queen
before me *W. S. Wilmore*,
Gentleman, a Coroner of our Lady the Queen for the* *City* of
Melbourne aforesaid, upon the
view of the body of *Mary Smith alias Sarah Potter* then

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

† Jurors' Christian and Surnames
in full.

and there lying dead, upon the oaths of †

Joseph Bedford
Joseph Green
James Ross
Richard Conroy
Patrick O'Connor
William Harner
R. Coblaugh
Thomas Gannon
Peter Larden
Robert Appleby
William Appleby
Walter Patterson

good and lawful men of *Melbourne* in the
said *Colony* who being duly sworn and charged to
enquire, upon the part of our Lady the Queen, when, where, how, and by what means the
said *Mary Smith alias Sarah Potter* came

by † her death, do say upon their oath that § *she has died from*
apoplexy induced the result of former
disease induced by intemperate and
dissipated habits

† 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.

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.

W. W. Wilmoth

Coroner.

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

Joseph Bedford

Joseph Green

James Proff

Richard Courvoys

Patrick A. Connor

Wm. H. Brown

R. X. D. O'Leary

Richard Thomas Gannon

Peter Larson

Robert A. Appleby

William Appleby

Walter Patterson