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Richard Beard's

Account of shortings  
received

Shaw's 40

On account  
taken from

Gravel wages

from at Brompton

ended the 11<sup>th</sup>

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are sum of the books  
of Richard Beard

Proceedings of an Inquiry held this day  
Friday the Eleventh of April, 1851. at  
the Caldonian Hotel, Belfast.  
touching the circumstances under which  
a person named Robert Keddie  
came by his death.

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Isabella McLaren, of Belfast.  
being duly sworn states I was at  
the front door of my house yesterday  
the 10th Inst. about four o'clock  
in the afternoon when I heard a shot  
fired in the back part of the building  
I went to the door of the room in  
which the deceased Robert Keddie  
was I saw deceased lying partly on  
his bed and partly on a trunk  
his face and head covered with  
blood. I saw a Gun (now produced  
in Court) lying beside him and the  
Room

room was full of smoke. —

There was no other person in the house  
at the time beside myself and my  
children. About ten minutes previously  
the deceased had left the room where  
I was and gone to his own Bed-room.

Taken and sworn before me  
at Belfast this Eleventh  
day of April 1851.

Magister  
John Magistrate

Labellat MacLaren  
Magist

John Fizzell, Chief Constable, of  
Belfast being duly sworn states  
between three and four o'clock  
yesterday afternoon I was passing  
through James Street when I heard  
a shot fired and was told by  
Mr. Thompson, Innkeeper, that is  
proceeded from Mr. McLaren's House  
I went there and met Mr. McLaren  
at the door who did not seem to  
be

be aware of the Cause of the  
report. I went to the back part  
of the house and heard groans  
proceeding from a small room  
off the kitchen I went in and  
found the deceased lying partly  
on a Box and partly on a Bed  
His features were disfigured by  
a gun shot wound and his head  
covered with blood. The gun now  
produced in Court I found lying  
by his side and it was still  
hot. I immediately went for  
Medical Assistance.

John Luzzell

Taken and sworn before me  
at Belfast this Eleventh  
day of April - 1851.

W. W. W.  
Police Magistrate

Alexander Russell, Surgeon, Belfast,  
being duly sworn states about four  
o'clock in the afternoon of the 10th  
Inst. Mr. Figgell came riding up  
to my door and told me that a  
person was lying at Mr. McLaren's  
house and had shot himself  
and requested me to see him  
immediately. I proceeded to  
Mr. McLaren's house and in a  
back room off the kitchen  
I found the deceased (Robert Keddie)  
lying partly on a chest and partly  
on a bed he was covered with  
blood and his face very much  
torn from a Gun shot wound  
His coat was off but the rest  
of his clothes were on likewise  
his boots ~~were~~. I had him  
removed to a more convenient  
part of the room and upon  
examining the wound found both  
sides of the upper jaw and  
the

the whole of the nose and front  
part of the forehead destroyed  
There was a great quantity of blood  
flowing from the wound and from  
the extensive nature of the injuries  
no minute examination could  
be made. In the evening I asked  
deceased if he were aware of what  
he had done? he replied, "Yes" I also  
asked him if he were aware of  
his present state? he said, "partly"  
Deceased died about twenty  
minutes to Twelve last night and  
my opinion is that his death pro-  
ceeded from the Gun shot wound  
inflicted apparently by himself.

Taken and Sworn before me  
at Belfast this Eleventh  
day of April. 1851.

A. Russell  
Notary Magistrate