STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1962 No. 2069

CORONERS

EXPENSES

The Coroners (Fees and Allowances) Rules 1962

Made - - - - 17*th September* 1962
Coming into Operation 1*st October* 1962

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by section 1 (1) of the Coroners Act 1954(a), I hereby make the following Rules:—

1. In Rule 1 of the Coroners (Fees and Allowances) Rules 1955(b) (which relates to the payment of fees in respect of a medical practitioner who makes a post-mortem examination by the coroner's direction or at the coroner's request)—

(*a*) in paragraph (1), for the words "four guineas" there shall be substituted the words "five guineas";

(*b*) in paragraph (2), for the words "six guineas" there shall be substituted the words "eight guineas", for the words "four guineas" there shall be substituted the words "five guineas" and for the words "three guineas", in both places where those words occur, there shall be substituted the words "four guineas";

(*c*) in paragraph (3), for the words "three guineas" there shall be substituted the words "four guineas" and for the words "two guineas" there shall be substituted the words "two and a half guineas".

2. In Rule 2 of the said Rules (which relates to the payment of a professional witness allowance in respect of a member of the legal professions, a dentist or a veterinary surgeon attending at an inquest to give professional evidence), for the words "six guineas" there shall be substituted the words "eight guineas" and for the words "three guineas" there shall be substituted the words "four guineas".

3. In Rule 4 of the said Rules (which relates to the payment of a loss allowance in respect of a witness attending at an inquest to give evidence other than professional or expert evidence) as amended by the Coroners (Fees and Allowances) (No. 2) Rules 1958(c), for the words "forty shillings" there shall be substituted the words "fifty shillings" and for the words "twenty shillings" there shall be substituted the words "twenty-five shillings".

4. In Rule 5 of the said Rules (which relates to the payment of a subsistence allowance in respect of a witness to whom Rules 1 to 3 of the said Rules do not apply attending at an inquest to give evidence, that is to say, not being a witness giving certain professional evidence or an expert witness) as set out in Rule 1 of the Coroners (Fees and Allowances) Rules 1960(d), for the words "to whom Rules 1 to 3 of these Rules do

(a) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c 31.
(b) S.I. 1955/1668 (1955 I, p. 521).
(c) S.I. 1958/1716 (1958 I, p. 365).
(d) S.I. 1960/227 (1960 I, p. 774).

not apply" there shall be substituted the words "(other than a witness who receives a fee or allowance under Rules 1 to 3 of these Rules)".

5. In Rule 7 (3) of the said Rules (which relates to the payment of certain sums in respect of a witness at an inquest who travels to or from the inquest by a private conveyance or on foot), the words "or on foot" shall be omitted, for the word "sixpence" there shall be substituted the words "sevenpence halfpenny" and for the word "twopence" there shall be substituted the word "threepence".

6. These Rules may be cited as the Coroners (Fees and Allowances) Rules 1962 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1962.

Henry Brooke,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
17th September 1962.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Rules make certain alterations in the allowances and fees payable under section 1 of the Coroners Act 1954 to witnesses or persons summoned as witnesses at inquests and to medical practitioners making post-mortem examinations by the coroner's direction or at the coroner's request. Rule 1 provides for an increase in the fees payable to medical practitioners making post-mortem examinations or attending to give professional evidence. Rules 2 and 3 provide for an increase in the maximum amounts payable as professional witness allowance and loss allowance. Rule 4 provides that the subsistence allowance payable to witnesses other than certain professional or expert witnesses may also be paid to professional or expert witnesses, if they do not receive an allowance in that capacity. Rule 5 provides for an increase in the maximum amounts payable where a witness travels to or from an inquest by a private conveyance, and also provides that the allowance where a witness travels on foot shall no longer be payable.