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An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Office of Coroner and the Expences of Inquests in *Ireland*. [27th *July* 1846.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Laws now in force in *Ireland* relating to the Election, Qualification, and Payment of Coroners, and to the Proceedings at Coroners Inquests, and to the Payment of Expences at such Inquests: And whereas it is expedient that the several Acts and Parts of Acts herein-after mentioned, relating to the several Matters and Things aforesaid, should be repealed: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Commencement of this Act the several Acts and Parts of Acts herein-after mentioned, specified, and set forth shall cease and determine, and shall, except only so far as is herein-after excepted and provided for, be repealed; (that is to say,) an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to repeal an Act made in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, for regulating the Fees of Coroners in* Ireland *upon holding Inquisitions; and to make other Provisions for that Purpose;* an Act passed in the Third Year of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to regulate the Qualification of Persons holding*

From and after Commencement of this Act the following Acts and Parts of Acts repealed; viz.

1 G. 4. c. 28.

3 G. 4. c. 115.

holding the Office of Coroner in Ireland; so much of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to regulate the Amount of Presentments by Grand Juries for Payment of the public Officers of the several Counties in* Ireland, as relates to the Payment of Coroners; so much of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Acts of the last Session of Parliament, relating to Presentments by Grand Juries for Payment of the Salaries of public Officers of the several Counties in* Ireland, as relates to the Payment of Coroners; so much of an Act passed in the Sixth Year of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend an Act of the last Session of Parliament, for amending former Acts relating to Presentments by Grand Juries for Payment of the Salaries of Treasurers and public Officers of the several Counties in* Ireland, as relates to the Payment of Coroners; so much of an Act passed in the Tenth Year of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws relating to Coroners in* Ireland, as relates to the Payment of Medical Witnesses and to the Duration of Elections of Coroners; so much of an Act passed in the Sixth and Seventh Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Presentment of Public Money by Grand Juries in* Ireland, as relates to the Payment of Coroners and of Medical Witnesses; so much of an Act passed in the Seventh Year of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend an Act passed in the Seventh Year of His present Majesty, for consolidating and amending the Laws relating to the Presentment of Public Money by Grand Juries in* Ireland, as relates to the Payment of Medical Witnesses at Inquests held by and before Justices of the Peace; so much of an Act passed in the Seventh and Eighth Year of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws for the Regulation of Grand Jury Presentments in the County of* Dublin, as relates to the Payment of Coroners, and the summoning and Payment of Medical Witnesses; and the said several herein-before recited Acts and Parts of Acts are hereby repealed accordingly, save and except so far as the said Acts or Parts of Acts respectively, or any of them, repeal the whole or any Part of any other Act or Acts, and save and except as to all Matters or Things done or performed before the passing of this Act, which shall be valid as if this Act had not passed.

4 G. 4. c. 43.
5 G. 4. c. 93.
6 G. 4. c. 52.
10 G. 4. c. 37.
6 & 7 W. 4. c. 116.
7 W. 4. & 1 Vict. c. 2.
7 & 8 Vict. c. 106.

Power to Lord Lieutenant to direct a Special Sessions to be holden in each County for dividing the same into Coroners Districts.

II. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, if he or they shall so think fit, to order and direct that a Special Sessions shall be holden in each County, Riding, or Division in *Ireland*, for the dividing of such County, Riding, or Division into Coroners Districts, for the Purposes of this Act, and to fix the Time and Place or Times and Places for such Sessions, and to order and direct the Clerk of the Peace for such County to give Notice thereof to each Justice of the Peace for such County; and the said Clerk of the Peace shall give Notice of the Time and Place for holding such Sessions to each Justice of the Peace for such County within Fifteen Days after the Receipt of the said Order.

III. And

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace of any such County in *Ireland* assembled at such Sessions, and they are hereby required, to divide such County, Riding, or Division into such convenient Districts as to the Majority of such Justices shall seem best calculated to carry the Purposes of this Act into effect, according to the Number of County Coroners by Law allowed for such County respectively, and with a due Regard to the Extent of the Population, to the prevailing Employments in the respective Parts of such County, Riding, or Division, and to the Size of such Districts; and to affix to each of such Districts the Name of some principal Parish, Township, or Place within the same; and to fix and determine some convenient Place within such District at which the Court for the Election of Coroner for such District shall be holden; and also to fix and determine One or more Polling Place or Places in each District at which the Poll at such Election shall be taken; and they shall cause a List to be prepared by the Clerk of the Peace, containing the Names of the several Baronies and Parishes, or Parts of Baronies and Parishes, as the Case may be, in each of the several Districts into which the County, Riding, or Division shall be divided; and the said Clerk of the Peace shall specify in such List the Place at which the said Justices shall have appointed the Court for the Election of a Coroner for such District to be holden, and the Polling Place or Polling Places which the said Justices shall have fixed and determined; and the Chairman of the said Justices so assembled as aforesaid shall sign such List, and such List shall be enrolled by the Clerk of the Peace among the Records of the County; and the Clerk of the Peace for such County shall, within Fifteen Days after such List shall have been signed as aforesaid, send or cause to be sent a true Copy thereof, signed and certified by him, to each Coroner within the County.

Justices at Sessions to divide their Counties into Districts, for carrying this Act into effect;

to affix to each District the Name of some Parish at which a Court shall be held for Election of Coroner;

and to cause Lists to be prepared of all Baronies, &c.

Clerks of the Peace to send Lists to each Coroner.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, if he or they shall so think fit, from Time to Time, upon the Receipt of any Memorial signed by Five Justices of the Peace of any County, praying that a new Division into Coroners Districts of such County, Riding, or Division shall be made, to order and direct that a Special Sessions for the Division of such County into Districts be holden, and to fix the Time and Place for such Sessions; and the Clerk of the Peace of such County shall give Notice thereof to the Justices of the Peace of such County in manner as aforesaid, and the Justices of the Peace assembled at such Sessions shall thereupon proceed to divide their respective County, Riding, or Division, or to amend and alter any Division of such County, Riding, or Division as shall have been heretofore made, into such convenient Districts as shall be best calculated to carry the Purposes of this Act into effect, and shall cause a List, or an amended List, as the Case may be, to be made in like Manner as was directed to be done when such County was first divided into Coroners Districts under the Authority of this Act; and the Clerk of the Peace shall enrol the same among the Records of the County, and shall send or cause to be sent a true Copy of such List,

Lord Lieutenant may from Time to Time order a new Division of Counties into Coroners Districts.

or

or of such amended List, signed and certified as aforesaid, to every Coroner within the County.

Order for Division of County, &c. into Districts to be valid after Publication.

V. And be it enacted, That the Justices of the Peace of each County, Riding, or Division assembled as aforesaid shall cause a Copy of the List, containing the Names of the several Baronies or Parishes, or Parts of Baronies or Parishes, as the Case may be, to be comprised within each of the Districts into which they shall have divided their respective County, Riding, or Division, to be inserted Three Times in the County or other local Newspapers, and also once in the *Dublin Gazette*; and from and after the Publication thereof as aforesaid in the Gazette each such County, Riding, or Division shall be and be deemed to be divided into Districts for all the Purposes of this Act.

Appointment of present Coroners to Districts.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Grand Jury assembled at the Assizes or Presenting Term next after the said Special Sessions shall appoint One of the Persons who shall then hold the Office of Coroner of their respective County, Riding, or Division to be the Coroner of and for One of each of the Districts to be formed under the Authority of this Act, and shall, so far as may be practicable and convenient, appoint such Coroner to that District within which he shall have heretofore acted; and in case there shall be no Coroner for any of said Districts the Foreman of the Grand Jury shall certify such Vacancy in the Office of Coroner to the Lord Chancellor of *Ireland*, who shall, if he so think fit, order a Writ De coronatore eligendo to be issued: Provided always, that upon the Death or Removal of any Coroner his Successor shall be elected to the Office of Coroner according to the Provisions of this Act.

Future Appointments of Coroners.

Sheriff to hold a special Court for the Election of Coroner.

VII. And be it enacted, That from and after the Division of any County, Riding, or Division into Coroners Districts, upon the issuing of such Writ, the Sheriff of the County wherein such District shall be situate shall hold a Court for such Election, at the Place fixed and determined for this Purpose as aforesaid, on some Day to be by him appointed, which Day shall not be less than Seven Days nor more than Fourteen Days after the Receipt of the Writ De coronatore eligendo; and in case the said Election be not then and there determined upon the View, with the Consent of the Electors there present, but that a Poll shall be demanded for Determination thereof, then the said Sheriff, or in his Absence his Under Sheriff, shall adjourn the said Court to Eight of the Clock in the Forenoon of the next Day but one, unless such next Day but one shall be *Saturday* or *Sunday*, and then to the *Monday* following; and the said Sheriff, or in his Absence the Under Sheriff, with such others as shall be deputed by him, shall then and there proceed to take the said Poll; and such polling shall continue for Two Days only, for Eight Hours in each Day; and no Poll shall be opened before Eight of the Clock in the Forenoon, or kept open later than Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, of either of the said Days.

If Election not determined on the View, then to proceed to take a Poll.

Duration of Poll.

Qualification of Electors

VIII. And be it enacted, That at the Election of a Coroner for any such District the Person so to be elected shall be chosen by the

Majority of those Persons residing within the District who at the Time of such Election shall be qualified to vote at the Election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament for the County within which such District shall be situate. voting for Coroners.

IX. And be it enacted, That at every contested Election of a Coroner for any such District the Sheriff or his Under Sheriff shall, if required by any Candidate, or by any Person duly authorized, acting on his Behalf, at any Time before the Election, and if not so required may, if it shall appear to him expedient, cause a Booth or Booths to be erected for taking the Poll at the Court or principal Place of Election, and also at each of the Polling Places within the District appointed as aforesaid, and shall cause to be affixed on the most conspicuous Part of each of the said Booths the Names of the several Baronies, Parishes, or Places for which such Booth is respectively allotted; and no Person shall be permitted to vote at any such Election, except at the Booth so allotted for the Barony, Parish, or Place within which he shall reside, or within which the Property with respect to which he claims to vote shall be situate, and if no Booth shall be allotted for the same then at any of the said Booths. Sheriff empowered to erect Polling Booths for the Purposes of the Election. No Voter to poll out of the District where he resides, &c.

X. And be it enacted, That for the more due and orderly Proceeding in the said Poll the Sheriff or his Under Sheriff as aforesaid shall appoint such Number of Poll Clerks as to him shall seem meet for the taking thereof, which Clerks shall take the said Poll in the Presence of the said Sheriff or his Under Sheriff, or such Person as he shall depute, and before they begin to take the said Poll every such Clerk shall be sworn truly and indifferently to take the same, and to set down the Names of each Elector, and the Place of his Residence, and for whom he shall poll, and to poll no Elector who is not sworn, if required to be sworn by any Candidate, or by any Person acting on his Behalf, as aforesaid (and which Oaths of the said Clerks the said Sheriff or his Under Sheriff is hereby empowered to administer); and the Sheriff, or in his Absence his Under Sheriff, shall appoint for each Candidate such One Person as shall be nominated to him by the Candidate, or by the Person acting on his Behalf, as aforesaid, to be Inspector of any such Clerk; and every Elector, before he is permitted to poll at such Election, shall, if required by any Candidate, or by the Person acting on his Behalf, as aforesaid, first take the Oath in the Schedule (A.) hereto annexed, which Oath the Sheriff or his Under Sheriff, or such sworn Clerk as aforesaid, shall have Authority to administer. Sheriff to appoint Poll Clerks, who shall be sworn. Sheriff to appoint Inspectors of Poll Clerks. Electors, if required by Candidates, to be sworn.

XI. And be it enacted, That the said Poll Clerks shall at the Close of the Poll enclose and seal their several Poll Books, and deliver the same, so enclosed and sealed, to the Sheriff or his Under Sheriff, or to such Person as shall be deputed by him for that Purpose, who shall give a Receipt for the same; and every such Person so deputed as aforesaid, when he shall have received the said Poll Books, shall forthwith deliver the same, so enclosed and sealed, to the Sheriff or his Under Sheriff, who shall, upon the re-assembling of the Court on the Day next but One after the Close of the Poll, unless Custody of the Poll Books, and Declaration of the Poll.

such next Day but One shall be *Sunday*, and then on the *Monday* following, in open Court break the Seals thereon, and cast up the Number of Votes as they appear on the said several Books, and openly declare the State of the Poll, and make Proclamation of the Person chosen, not earlier than Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon nor later than Two of the Clock in the Afternoon of the said Day.

Expences of Sheriff, &c. to be paid by Candidates in equal Proportions.

XII. And be it enacted, That before any Candidate shall be put in nomination for the Office of Coroner he shall, if so required, lodge in the Hands of the said Sheriff or his Under Sheriff such Sum of Money as shall be necessary to defray all the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences which the said Sheriff or his Under Sheriff, or other Person so deputed by him as aforesaid, shall expend or be put to in and about the providing of Poll Books, Booths, and Clerks (the said Clerks not to be paid more than One Guinea each *per Diem*), for the Purpose of taking the Poll at any such Election; and the said Costs, Charges, and Expences shall be borne and paid by the several Candidates at such Election in equal Proportions.

Candidates shall deliver a Statement of the Property whereby they mean to qualify to the Sheriff, who shall allow it to be inspected.

If Candidate fail to deliver such Statement, Sheriff not to allow him to be nominated.

Candidate, if required, to take the Oath in Schedule (B.)

XIII. And be it enacted, That every Candidate for the Office of Coroner shall, before he shall be put in nomination, deliver or cause to be delivered to the Sheriff or his Under Sheriff a Statement in Writing containing a full and correct Account of the Nature and Quality, Name, Situation, or other Description of the Property then in his Possession and Enjoyment, from, out of, or by reason of which he is qualified, as herein-after mentioned, to be elected and chosen and to hold the said Office of Coroner; and the Sheriff or his Under Sheriff shall permit such Statement to be inspected and examined by any Candidate or Elector at all reasonable Times before and during such Election; and if any such Candidate shall fail to deliver or cause to be delivered such Statement as aforesaid to the said Sheriff or his Under Sheriff, the said Sheriff or his Under Sheriff shall not allow such Candidate to be put in nomination; and if the said Sheriff or his Under Sheriff shall be called upon by any Candidate or any Elector so to do, he shall require every such Person who shall be a Candidate for the said Office at such Election to take the Oath in the Schedule (B.) hereto annexed (which Oath the said Sheriff or his Under Sheriff is hereby empowered to administer), as to the Nature, Name, and Sufficiency of the Property in right of which he is qualified to be chosen as Coroner for such County, Riding, or Division, or any District thereof; and if such Candidate shall refuse or neglect to make such Oath, when required by the Sheriff or his Under Sheriff so to do, the said Sheriff or his Under Sheriff, or Person deputed by him as aforesaid, as the Case may be, shall not permit or suffer such Candidate to be put in nomination, nor shall he receive or suffer to be received any Votes which shall or may be tendered to him for such Candidate until such Candidate shall have taken such Oath; and the said Sheriff or his Under Sheriff shall, within Ten Days after the Termination of such Election, deliver or cause to be delivered to the Clerk of the Peace of the County wherein such Election shall have been held the Statement as aforesaid of the Qualification of the Person so elected to the Office of Coroner, and the said Clerk of the Peace shall enrol the same among the Records of the County.

XIV. And

XIV. And be it enacted, That no Fee or Reward shall be given or accepted by any Person for the administering of the said Oath. Oath to be administered without Fee.

XV. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to affect or alter the Mode whereby Coroners for Counties of Cities or Counties of Towns or Boroughs in *Ireland* are at present chosen or elected. Not to alter the Mode of Elections in Cities, &c.

XVI. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act no Person shall be elected or chosen to the Office of Coroner for any County, Riding, or Division, or District thereof, or for any County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough, or District thereof, who shall not at the Time of being so elected or chosen be seised to and for his own Use and Benefit of some Estate of Inheritance of the clear annual Value of Fifty Pounds Sterling, over and above all Charges and Incumbrances that may affect the same, or of an Estate of Freehold for his own Life, or for the Life or Lives of some other Person or Persons, either at Law or in Equity, of the clear yearly Value of One hundred Pounds Sterling, over and above all Charges and Incumbrances which may affect the same, of or in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments situate within the County, County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough for which or for any District of which he shall be elected or chosen as aforesaid, or within the County next thereto adjoining; and in case any Person shall be elected or chosen to serve the Office of Coroner, from and after the passing of this Act, who shall not at the Time of his being so elected or chosen be seised of such an Estate in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments as is herein-before required, such Election shall be null and void. Qualification of Coroner.

XVII. And be it enacted, That if it shall appear to any Two or more Justices of the Peace for any County, Riding, or Division, or for any County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough, for which or for any District of which any Coroner shall be elected or chosen, under the Provisions of this Act, that such Coroner has lost or encumbered his Property, so as not to be then in possession or enjoyment of such an Estate as is hereby required to qualify him to be elected and chosen as aforesaid, the said Justices shall give to such Coroner, or cause to be left at his usual Place of Residence, Fifteen clear Days before the next ensuing Assizes or Presenting Term for such County, Riding, or Division, City, Town, or Borough, a Notice in Writing, to be signed by them, of their Intention to complain to the Grand Jury which shall next assemble that such Coroner has lost or encumbered his Estate, and is not then qualified in respect of Property as aforesaid to hold or continue to hold the said Office of Coroner; and if the said Justices of the Peace shall lodge such a Complaint in Writing with the Grand Jury which shall next assemble for such County, Riding, or Division, County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough, (as the Case may be,) it shall and may be lawful for the Foreman of such Grand Jury to issue a Summons or Summonses requiring such Coroner, and such Witnesses as he may deem necessary, to appear before the said Grand Jury, and to examine the said Coroner and Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath the Foreman of such

If it appear to any Two Justices of the Peace for the County, City, Town, &c. for which any Coroner is elected, that he has lost his Qualification, they shall give Notice to him of their Intention to complain to the Grand Jury.

Coroner to be summoned before Grand Jury, to be examined touching the Matter of such Complaint.

such Grand Jury is hereby empowered to administer) touching the Matter of such Complaint; and if it shall appear to the said Grand Jury that the said Coroner has lost or encumbered his Property, so as not to be then in possession and enjoyment of some Estate of Inheritance or Freehold as aforesaid within the County, City, Town, or Borough for which or for some District of which he shall have been elected or chosen Coroner, or within the County next thereto adjoining, of the clear yearly Value of Fifty Pounds Sterling, or One hundred Pounds Sterling, as the Case may be, or if such Coroner, upon Proof that such Summons as aforesaid had been duly served upon him, or left at his usual Place of Residence, shall neglect or fail to attend the said Grand Jury, or if such Coroner shall refuse to be sworn, or to answer any Question which may be put to him touching his said Qualification, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Grand Jury to prepare or cause to be prepared a Memorial to the Lord Chancellor of *Ireland*, detailing such Facts concerning the Want of Qualification by such Coroner as shall appear to such Grand Jury to be true and correct, and praying that such Coroner may be removed from the Office of Coroner for such County, Riding, or Division, County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough, as the Case may be; and the Foreman of such Grand Jury shall sign the same, and shall direct that such Memorial shall forthwith be delivered to the said Lord Chancellor.

If Coroner has lost his Qualification, Grand Jury to memorialize the Lord Chancellor.

Foreman to sign Memorial.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Chancellor of *Ireland*, upon the Receipt of any Memorial as aforesaid from the Grand Jury of any County, Riding, or Division, County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough, if he shall be satisfied that such Coroner was not then seised or possessed of such an Estate as would have qualified him to be elected Coroner under the Provisions of this Act, or if on any Complaint made in Writing he shall be satisfied that such Coroner has acted as Sub-Sheriff, contrary to the Provisions of this Act, to declare the Office of such Coroner to be vacated, and to direct a Writ to be issued for the Election of a Coroner for such County, Riding, or Division, County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough, or District thereof, (as the Case may be,) to or for which such Coroner may have been elected or chosen.

Lord Chancellor, upon Receipt of Memorial, may declare the Office to be vacant, and issue a Writ for a new Election.

XIX. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act no Person who shall hold the Office of Coroner shall be appointed or shall act, by himself or by his Partner, directly or indirectly, as Sub-Sheriff in any County, City, Town, or Borough.

No Coroner shall act, by himself or Partner, as Sub-Sheriff.

XX. And be it enacted, That whenever a Vacancy shall occur in the Office of Coroner of any County, Riding, or Division, County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough, or District thereof, and any Two or more Justices of the Peace of such County, City, Town, or Borough shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Clerk of the Peace acting in and for such County, City, Town, or Borough a Certificate under their Hands and Seals of such Vacancy having occurred, the said Clerk of the Peace shall and he is hereby required, within Twenty-one Days after the Receipt of such Certificate, to transmit the same to the Lord Chancellor of *Ireland*, who shall there-

Lord Chancellor may, upon receiving Certificate from Two Justices of Vacancy, issue Writ for Election of Coroner.

upon direct a Writ to be issued for the Election of a Coroner for such County, Riding, or Division, County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough, or District thereof, (as the Case may be,) where such Vacancy shall have happened.

Coroner to reside within his District, or forfeit his Emoluments.

XXI. And be it enacted, That when any County shall have been divided into Districts under the Authority of this Act, every Person elected or chosen to serve the Office of Coroner of any such District in *Ireland* shall reside within the District to or for which he shall be elected or chosen Coroner; and in case any such Coroner shall fail or neglect to reside within his District he shall forfeit and lose all Right and Claim to the Fees and Emoluments herein-after provided for the Payment of Coroners, so long as he shall so fail and neglect to reside within the same; and if it shall happen that any such Coroner shall have been absent from his District, except in the Case of Illness, for any Period exceeding in the whole Twenty-eight Days in any One Year, it shall be lawful for the Lord Chancellor of *Ireland*, upon the Complaint in Writing of any Two Magistrates of such District, to declare, if he shall so think fit, the Office of such Coroner to be vacant, and to order a Writ for the Election of a Coroner for such District to be issued.

Notice of the finding of any dead Body, or of sudden Death, to be given to the Coroner, who shall issue Summonses for Jurors and Witnesses.

XXII. And be it enacted, That when any dead Body shall be found, or any Case of sudden Death, or of Death attended with suspicious Circumstances, shall occur in any District, the Sub-Inspector of the Constabulary of such District, or the Constable or Sub-Constables acting in and for the Place where such dead Body shall be found or such Death happen, shall give or cause to be given immediate Notice thereof to the Coroner of such District, together with such Information as he or they shall have been able to obtain touching the finding of such dead Body or such Death; and the said Coroner shall, if upon the Receipt of such or other sufficient Notice and Information he shall deem it necessary to hold an Inquest upon such dead Body, issue his Precept to the Sub-Inspector of such District, or in his Absence to the Head or other Constable acting for him, to summon a sufficient Number of Persons to attend and be sworn as Jurors upon such Inquest at the Time and Place specified in such Precept; and the said Coroner shall issue a Summons for every Witness whom he shall deem necessary to attend such Inquest at the Time and Place therein specified, for the Purpose of giving Evidence relative to such dead Body; and he shall deliver or cause to be delivered all such Summonses to the Constable or some One of the Sub-Constables acting in and for the Place where such Inquest is to be held, who shall forthwith proceed to serve the same.

Qualification of Jurors upon Inquests.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That such Sub-Inspector or Constable shall summon or cause to be summoned in Writing, as Jurors upon such Inquest, such Persons as shall be resident within the District, and rated to the Relief of the Poor in a Sum of not less than Four Pounds: Provided always, that if the Attendance of a sufficient Number of Jurors, qualified as aforesaid, cannot conveniently be had, it shall be lawful for the Sub-Inspector or Constable as aforesaid to summon or cause to be summoned such and so many other fit and

proper Persons, being Householders, and residing within the County where such Inquest is to be holden, as shall be necessary, to attend and be sworn as Jurors upon such Inquest: Provided also, that no Person who is now exempted from serving upon Juries under and by virtue of an Act passed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for consolidating and amending the Laws relative to Jurors and Juries in* Ireland, or of any Act amending the same, shall be liable to be summoned as a Juror upon any Inquest to be holden under the Authority of this Act.

No Person now exempted from serving on Juries under 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 91. to be summoned under this Act.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That every Coroner by or before whom any Inquest *post Mortem* shall be taken shall make an Abstract of the Inquisition and Finding of the Jury, and shall state in such Abstract the Names of the Jurors in any such Inquest, and the Names of all the Witnesses who shall have been examined at the same, and shall annex thereto an Account of all Sums of Money paid or advanced by him, as herein-after mentioned, for or on account of any such Inquest, or to or for or on account of any Witness or Witnesses who shall have attended the same, and also an Account of the Number of Miles which he shall have been compelled to travel from his usual Place of Residence to take such Inquest, and of the Number of Days during which such Inquest, or any Adjournment thereof (if any) shall have continued, and shall certify such Abstract and Account to be true and correct in all Particulars, and shall sign the same, and shall lodge such Abstract and Account with the Secretary of the Grand Jury of the County, Riding, or Division, County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough, as the Case may be, for which or for any District of which he is the Coroner, Ten clear Days at least before the assembling of the Grand Jury for such County, Riding, or Division, City, Town, or Borough; and the said Secretary shall permit such Abstracts and Accounts to be inspected and examined in his Office by any Rate-payer of such County, Riding, or Division, City, Town, or Borough, who shall apply to him for the Purpose, at all Hours between Ten of the Clock of the Forenoon and Four of the Clock of the Afternoon during the said Ten Days; and the said Secretary shall lay the same before the Grand Jury acting in and for such County, Riding, or Division, City, Town, or Borough, which shall next assemble; and the said Grand Jury shall examine such Abstracts and Accounts, and shall and may, if they shall deem it necessary, examine the said Coroner upon Oath (which Oath the Foreman of such Grand Jury is hereby empowered to administer) as to the Truth and Correctness of all or any of the Statements or Items contained in such Abstracts or Accounts, or as to the Belief which such Coroner may at the Time of holding any such Inquest have entertained of the Necessity for holding the same; and the said Abstracts and Accounts shall, when approved of by the said Grand Jury, be signed by the Foreman, and preserved among the Records of such County, Riding, or Division, City, Town, or Borough.

Coroner to make Abstract of the Inquisition and Finding of the Jury; and annex an Account of Money paid; and Number of Miles he has travelled; and shall certify such Abstract and Account to be true, and lodge them with the Secretary of the Grand Jury; Grand Jury shall examine such Abstracts, &c.

XXV. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Grand Jury of any County, Riding, or Division, when they shall have examined and approved of such Abstracts and Accounts as

Grand Jury to present 1*l.* 10*s.* to Coroner for

aforesaid,

aforesaid, to present for the Payment of any Coroner within such County, Riding, or Division the Sum of One Pound Ten Shillings Sterling for each and every Inquest held by him respectively since the preceding Assizes, or since his last Application for a Presentment, but such Sums not to exceed in the whole the Sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling at any One Assizes; and such Grand Jury shall present in addition thereto, and over and above such Payment, such further and other Sum, at the Rate of Sixpence *per* Mile for every Mile which such Coroner shall have been obliged to travel from his usual Place of Residence for the Purpose of taking such Inquest: Provided always, that whenever any Coroner shall have held more than One Inquest on the same Day, then in respect of every such Inquest taken after the first the said Sum of Sixpence *per* Mile shall be computed and paid to such Coroner for every additional Mile only which he shall have been compelled to travel in consequence of holding more than One Inquest on the same Day.

each Inquest, and 6*d.* per Mile for travelling;

such Payments not to exceed 50*l.* at any One Assizes.

When more than One Inquest on same Day, 6*d.* per Mile only for each additional Mile Coroner may travel.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Grand Jury of any County, Riding, or Division to present such Sum as to them shall seem fit for the Payment of the Allowances for travelling as aforesaid to any Coroner who shall show to the Satisfaction of such Grand Jury that he had been compelled in the Discharge of his Office to travel from his usual Place of Residence for the Purpose of taking an Inquisition, but which, in the Exercise of his Discretion, he deemed to be unnecessary, and declined to take.

Payment of Coroners by Grand Jury for travelling when no Inquest is held.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Grand Jury acting in and for any County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough in *Ireland*, when they shall have examined and approved of such Abstracts and Accounts as aforesaid, to present for the Payment of any Coroner within such City, Town, or Borough the Sum of One Pound Ten Shillings Sterling for each and every Inquest held by him respectively since the last Assizes or Presenting Term, or since his last Application for a Presentment: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for any Grand Jury as aforesaid to present for the Payment of any Coroner any larger Amount or Sum than Sixty-five Pounds Sterling at any Assizes or Presenting Term.

Grand Jury of City, &c. to present to Coroner 1*l.* 10*s.* for each Inquest.

Not to exceed 65*l.* at any Assizes or Presenting Term.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Coroner who shall hold any Inquest to pay to any Medical or other Witness who, having been summoned by him, shall attend and be examined at such Inquest, or to any other Person who shall do or perform any Matter or Thing relating to such Inquest in pursuance of the Order of such Coroner, or to the Owner or Occupier of any private House (not being related to or connected with the Deceased) who shall afford the Accommodation necessary for the Deposit of such dead Body or for the holding of such Inquest, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding the Sum contained in the Schedule (C.) hereunto annexed, as to such Coroner shall seem just and reasonable, upon obtaining from such Witness or other Person a Receipt duly signed for such Payment; and the said Coroner shall deliver all such Receipts, together with the Abstract and Accounts of

Coroner may pay Witnesses as per Schedule, upon obtaining Receipts from Witnesses.

Coroner to deliver Receipts, &c.

to Secretary of Grand Jury.

of such Inquest, to the Secretary of the Grand Jury acting in and for the County, Riding, or Division, County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough, as the Case may be, for which or for any District of which he is a Coroner.

Grand Juries may present such Sums as they shall deem necessary for Expences incident to the holding of Inquests, until the next Assizes or Presenting Term.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Grand Jury of any County, County of a City, or County of a Town, other than the County of *Dublin*, if they shall so think fit, at any Assizes or Presenting Term, to present for the Board of Superintendence of the Gaols of such County, City, or Town such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall deem necessary for the Payment of all Expences incident to the holding of Coroners Inquests within the County, City, or Town, until the next ensuing Assizes or Presenting Term; and the Treasurer of such County, City, or Town, out of the Public Monies which shall then be in his Hands or shall next come into his Hands, shall pay to such Board of Superintendence the Sum so presented; and it shall be lawful for the said Board of Superintendence, if they shall so think fit, to pay to every Coroner of such County, City, or Town such Sums as he shall have advanced in Payment of the Witnesses or other Expences, not exceeding the Sums mentioned in the Schedule (C.) hereto annexed, incident to the holding of any such Inquest, and to pay all Orders upon the Treasurer of such County, City, or Town which any Justices of the Peace may have issued to any Witnesses or other Person for or concerning any Inquest held by them as herein-after mentioned.

Board of Superintendence may pay such Sums to Coroners as he may have advanced to Witnesses as in Schedule (C.)

Grand Jury to present for such Sums as shall be necessary to pay Witnesses and Expences of Inquests.

XXX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in case the Grand Jury of any County, County of a City, or County of a Town shall have omitted to make such Presentment as last aforesaid, or in case the Presentment made by such Grand Jury shall have been insufficient to discharge all the Expences incident to the holding of Inquests in such County, City, or Town, it shall be lawful for the Grand Jury of such County, City, or Town, when they shall next assemble, and they are hereby required, to present for the Coroner of such County, Riding, or Division, City, Town, or Borough, or any District thereof, such Sum or Sums as shall be necessary to repay such Coroner the Monies paid and advanced by him in and about the holding of any Inquest, and shall also present, to and for the Treasurer of such County, City, Town, or Borough, such Sum or Sums as shall be necessary to pay and discharge all Orders for the Payment of Witnesses and other Persons upon such Treasurer as any Two Justices of the Peace acting for and in the Absence of a Coroner, as herein-after mentioned, shall have given to any Witness or other Person since the last Assizes or Presenting Term; and the said Treasurer, out of the Public Monies of such County, City, or Town which shall then be in his Hands or shall next come to his Hands, shall pay the said Sum or Sums so presented to the said Coroner or to the said Witnesses or other Persons as aforesaid; and it shall be lawful for the Grand Jury acting in and for any County, Riding, or Division, County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough to direct and order that all such Sums of Money necessary for the Payment of any such Coroner, or of the other Expences incident to the holding of any Inquest, or such Part and Proportion thereof

Grand Jury may direct the Expences of Coroner or Inquests to be levied off any particular Dis-

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as to them shall seem meet and right, shall be raised and levied off the whole of such County, Riding, or Division, City, Town, or Borough, or off such District, Barony, or Parish thereof, as the Case may be, as they shall appoint. trict, Barony, or Parish.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Coroner who shall consider an Analysis of any Matter or Thing of or concerning any dead Body necessary to order and direct that such Analysis be made by such legally qualified Medical Practitioner as he and the Majority of the Jury sworn upon any Inquest shall appoint; and he shall annex to the Abstract and Accounts of such Inquest a Certificate to be signed by him of such his Opinion, and of the Facts relating to such Analysis, which Certificate, together with the said Abstracts and Accounts, shall be laid before the Grand Jury acting in and for the County, Riding, or Division, County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough, as the Case may be, which shall next assemble; and it shall be lawful for the said Grand Jury to present to and for their Treasurer any Sum of Money not exceeding the Sum of Five Guineas for the Loss of Time, Labour, and Expence incurred by such Medical Practitioner in consequence of making such Analysis as to them shall seem fit; and the Sum so presented by the Grand Jury shall be paid to such Medical Practitioner by the Treasurer of such County, Riding, or Division, City, Town, or Borough, in like Manner, and shall and may be raised and levied in like Manner, as the Sums already presented by any such Grand Jury. Coroner may order an Analysis to be made. Grand Jury may present a Sum not exceeding Five Guineas for making such Analysis.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That when any Inquest shall be holden on the Body of any Person who has died in any public Hospital or Infirmary, or in any Building or Place belonging thereto, or used for the Reception of the Patients thereof, or who has died in any County or other Lunatic Asylum, or in any public Infirmary or other public Medical Institution, whether the same be supported by Endowments or by voluntary Subscriptions, then and in such Case nothing herein contained shall be construed to entitle the Medical Officer whose Duty it may have been to attend the deceased Person as a Medical Officer of such Institution as aforesaid to the Fees or Remuneration herein provided. When any Inquest shall be held on the Body of a Person who died in any Hospital, &c. no such Remuneration shall be presented to Medical Officer for the same.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, in all Cases where any Coroner shall hold an Inquest upon any dead Body, and shall deem the Attendance of some Medical Witness to be necessary at such Inquest, he shall summon as such Witness any legally qualified Medical Practitioner, being at the Time in actual Practice at or near the Place where such Death happened; and it shall be lawful for the Coroner, at any Time between the issuing of such Summons and the Termination of such Inquest, to direct the Performance of a Post Mortem Examination by such Medical Witness; provided that if any Person shall state upon Oath before the Coroner that in his or her Belief the Death of the deceased Individual was caused partly or entirely by the improper or negligent Treatment of any Medical Practitioner or other Person, such Medical Coroner may summon Medical Practitioner to attend Inquest.

Practitioner or other Person shall not be allowed to perform or assist at the Post Mortem Examination of the Deceased.

Jury may require further Medical Evidence.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That whenever it shall appear to the Majority of the Jurors upon any Inquest that the Cause of Death has not been satisfactorily explained by the Evidence of such Medical Practitioner, or of the Witness or Witnesses who shall have been examined at such Inquest, it shall be lawful for the said Jurors, by a Requisition in Writing, to call upon the Coroner to issue his Summons for the Attendance of some other legally qualified Medical Practitioner or Practitioners; and if the Coroner, on the Receipt of such Requisition, shall refuse or neglect to issue his Summons as aforesaid, he shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor.

Penalty on Coroner for Refusal.

Coroner may fine Jurors or Witnesses for Non-attendance at Inquest, and transmit the Account of the same to the Clerk of the Peace.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That when any Person shall have been duly summoned to attend as a Juror or as a Witness at any Inquest, and such Person shall fail or neglect to attend at the Time and Place specified in such Summons, it shall be lawful for the Coroner to cause such Person to be openly called in his Court Three Times to appear and serve as a Juror, or to appear and give Evidence at such Inquest, and upon the Nonappearance of such Person, and Proof that such Summons had been served upon him, or left at his usual Place of Abode, to impose such Fine upon the Person so making default, not exceeding the Sum of Forty Shillings, as to such Coroner shall seem fit; and such Coroner shall make out and sign a Certificate, containing the Christian and Surname, the Residence, and Trade or Calling of every Person so making default, together with the Amount of the Fine which shall have been imposed, and the Cause of such Fine, and shall transmit such Certificate to the Clerk of the Peace acting in and for the County, Riding, or Division, City, Town, or Borough, in which such Person shall reside, on or before the First Day of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace then next ensuing, and shall cause a Copy of such Certificate to be served upon the Person so fined, by having it left at his usual Place of Residence, or by sending the same through the Post Office, addressed as aforesaid, Three Days at the least before the First Day of the said Quarter Sessions; and the said Clerk of the Peace shall copy the Fine or Fines so certified on the Roll on which all Fines and Forfeitures imposed at such Quarter Sessions of the Peace shall be copied, and the same shall be levied and applied in like Manner, and subject to the like Powers, Provisions, and Penalties in all respects, as if such Fine or Fines had been imposed at such Quarter Sessions: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect any Power now by Law vested in any Coroner for compelling any Person to appear as Juror, or to appear and give Evidence before him on any Inquest or other Proceeding, or for punishing any Person for Contempt of Court in not so appearing as Juror, or in not so appearing and giving Evidence, or otherwise.

Coroner may order dead Body to be deposited in the nearest

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That whenever any dead Body shall be found, and any Coroner shall, in consequence of the Information received by him, consider it necessary to hold an Inquest thereon, it shall and may be lawful for such Coroner to order and direct that such dead

dead Body shall be brought into the nearest convenient Tavern, Public House, or House licensed for the Sale of Spirits; and the Owner or Occupier of such Tavern, public or other licensed House, shall and he is hereby required to permit and allow such dead Body to be deposited within the same, or within some Part of the Premises thereof, until the Inquest shall have taken place; and if such Owner or Occupier shall refuse to permit such dead Body to be deposited within the said House, or some Part of the Premises thereof, it shall be lawful for the said Coroner to impose such Fine, not exceeding the Sum of Forty Shillings, upon such Owner or Occupier, for such Refusal or Neglect, as to such Coroner shall seem fit.

Public House until an Inquest be taken thereon.

Owner or Occupier refusing to admit the same may be fined.

XXXVII. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, in all Cases in which any Person shall be charged by any Coroner's Inquisition with the Commission of any Crime, and shall be subsequently put upon his Trial, either on such Inquisition or in pursuance of any Bill of Indictment for the same Crime, the Coroner before whom such Inquisition shall have been found shall be wholly incompetent to act as an Attorney in Prosecution or Defence of such Person for such Crime, either by himself or his Partner, directly or indirectly; and that in all Cases in which it shall appear to the Judge before whom such Person shall be tried that any Coroner shall have so acted contrary to the Provisions and Intentions of this Act, such Judge shall impose upon every Coroner so offending such Penalty, not exceeding Fifty Pounds, as the said Judge shall in his Discretion think fit.

Coroner not to act professionally in any Case which may have come before him as Coroner.

Penalty.

XXXVIII. And be it enacted, That every Coroner appointed or chosen under the Authority of this Act, although such Coroner may be designated as the Coroner of any particular District of a County, Riding, or Division, City, Town, or Borough, shall for all Purposes whatsoever, except as herein-after mentioned, be considered as a Coroner for the whole of such County, City, Town, or Borough, and shall have the same Jurisdiction, Rights, Powers, and Authorities, throughout the said County, City, Town, or Borough, as if he had been elected by the Electors of such County, City, Town, or Borough at large.

Coroner, although elected for a District, to be considered a Coroner of the County or City at large.

XXXIX. And be it enacted, That every Coroner appointed or elected under the Provisions of this Act shall, except during the Illness, Incapacity, or Absence of the Coroner for any other District, or during a Vacancy in the Office of Coroner for any other District, hold Inquests only within the District to and for which he shall have been so appointed or elected; and that if any Coroner shall hold an Inquest in any District, save that to and for which he shall have been appointed or elected, he shall state in the Abstract of such Inquest as aforesaid the Reason of his having held such Inquest; and it shall be lawful for the Grand Jury before whom the Abstract and Accounts of such Inquest shall be laid to refuse, if they shall so think fit, to present any Sum of Money for the Payment of any Coroner who shall hold an Inquest beyond the Limits of the District to which he shall have been appointed or elected.

Coroner to hold Inquests only in the District to which he is appointed, except in certain Cases.

XL. And

All Orders of Coroners, &c. to be signed and sealed. Any Order not signed, &c. not to be of any Effect.

XL. And be it enacted, That every Order which, by and under the Provisions of this Act, any Coroner, or any Two Magistrates acting for and in the Absence of such Coroner, shall make and issue, shall be signed and sealed by such Coroner or such Magistrates; and that any Order which any Coroner or Magistrate as aforesaid shall make or issue, and which shall not be signed and sealed as aforesaid, shall be of no Force or Effect whatsoever, nor shall any Person be subject to or visited with any Fine or other Punishment for Disobedience thereof.

Grand Jury not to present for any Coroner guilty of Neglect, nor for any Inquest, except taken since the last Assizes, &c.

XLI. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the Grand Jury acting in and for any County, Riding, or Division, County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough to present any Sum of Money for the Payment of any Coroner, if such Coroner shall appear to them to have been guilty of Neglect of Duty in not attending to take any Inquest; nor shall it be lawful for any Grand Jury to present any Sum of Money for the Payment of any Coroner for or in respect of any Inquest other than such as he shall have held since the then last preceding Assizes or Presenting Term, or since his last Application for a Presentment.

Coroner may be removed by Judge for Extortion or Neglect of Duty.

XLII. And be it enacted, That if any Coroner shall from and after the passing of this Act be convicted of any Extortion, or wilful Neglect of Duty, or Misdemeanor, in his Office, it shall be lawful for any Judge of Assize before whom he shall be so convicted to adjudge that he shall be removed from his Office, and thereupon a Writ shall issue removing him from his Office, and for electing another Coroner in his Stead.

Coroner, if once removed from his Office, incapable of being again elected.

XLIII. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall have been removed from the Office of Coroner in consequence of any such Conviction as aforesaid he shall be for ever afterwards incapable of being re-elected as Coroner for any District, nor shall it be lawful for any Sheriff or Sub-Sheriff to put any such Person in nomination when a Vacancy in the Office of Coroner in any County, Riding, or Division, City, Town, or Borough, shall occur.

In the Absence of Coroner, Two Magistrates may hold Inquest, and summon Jurors and Witnesses.

XLIV. And be it enacted, That when any dead Body shall be found, or any Death attended with suspicious Circumstances shall occur, and no Inquest shall be held on the same within the Space of Two Days from the finding of such dead Body or of such Death, it shall be lawful for any Two Magistrates of such District to hold an Inquest relative to the Death of any such Person, and to summon such Jurors and such medical and other Witnesses to attend such Inquest, and to administer all necessary Oaths, and to give such Orders and Directions, and to impose such Fines for Neglect or Refusal, in like Manner as any Coroner is empowered to do under the Provisions of this Act, and also to sign and issue to such medical or other Witnesses summoned and examined before them, and to the Owner or Occupier of any private House (the same not being related to or connected with the Deceased) wherein such dead Body shall have been deposited, or wherein such Inquest shall have been held, and to any Person or Persons who shall do or perform any Matter or Thing

Thing relating to such Inquest, in pursuance of the Order of such Magistrates, an Order upon the Treasurer of the County, County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough, as the Case may be, for such Sum or Sums of Money as such Coroner is hereby empowered to pay to such Witnesses or other Persons, and as to them shall seem just and reasonable; and the said Magistrates shall make out and lodge with the Secretary of the Grand Jury for such County, Riding, or Division, City, Town, or Borough, an Abstract of the Inquisition and Finding of the Jury, together with the Names of the Jurors and of the Witnesses who shall have been examined at such Inquest, and an Account of all Orders upon the Treasurer for Payment of such Witnesses or other Persons, issued by them, Ten Days at least before the Grand Jury acting in and for such County, Riding, or Division, County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough, shall next assemble.

Persons swearing falsely guilty of Perjury.

XLV. And be it enacted, That if any Elector or other Person shall wilfully and falsely take any Oath or Affirmation appointed by the Authority of this Act to be taken, or if any Person shall corruptly procure or suborn any Elector or other Person wilfully and falsely to take any Oath or Affirmation hereby appointed to be taken, for the Purpose of such Person being polled at any Election of a Coroner, and he or they shall be convicted thereof, he or they shall for every such Offence incur all such Pains and Penalties as are by Law inflicted on Persons guilty of Perjury or Subornation of Perjury.

Inquisitions not to be quashed on account of technical Defects.

XLVI. And whereas it is expedient to make Provision for supporting Coroners Inquisitions, and for preventing the same from being quashed on account of technical Defects; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act no Inquisition found upon or by any Coroner's Inquest, nor any Judgment recorded upon or by virtue of any such Inquisition, shall be quashed, stayed, or reversed for Want of the Averment therein of any Matter unnecessary to be proved; nor for the Omission of Words "with Force and Arms," or of the Words "against the Peace," or of the Words "against the Form of the Statute;" nor for the Omission or Insertion of any other Words or Expressions of mere Form or Surplusage; nor for the Insertion of the Words "upon their Oath" instead of the Words "upon their Oaths;" nor for omitting to state the Time at which the Offence was committed, when Time is not the Essence of the Offence; nor for stating the Time imperfectly; nor because any Person or Persons mentioned in any such Inquisition is or are designated by a Name of Office or other descriptive Appellation, instead of his, her, or their proper Name or Names; nor by reason of the Noninsertion of the Names of the Jurors in the Body of any such Inquisition, or of any Difference in the spelling of the Names of any of the Jurors in the Body of any such Inquisition, and the Names subscribed thereto; nor because any Juror or Jurors shall have set his or their Mark or Marks to any such Inquisition, instead of subscribing his or their Name or Names thereto; nor because any such Mark or Marks is or are unattested, provided the Name or Names of such Juror or Jurors is or are set forth;

nor because any Juror or Jurors has or have signed his or their Christian Name or Names by means of an initial or partial Signature only, and not at full Length; nor because of any Erasures or Interlineations appearing in any such Inquisition, unless the same shall be proved to have been made therein after the same was signed; nor for Want of a proper Name, where the Inquest shall appear or purport to have been taken by a Coroner or any Two Magistrates of or for the County, Riding, or Division, City, Town, or Borough, or Place, in which it shall appear or purport to have been taken; nor (except only in Cases of Murder or Manslaughter) for or by reason of any such Inquisition not being duly sealed or written on Parchment; nor because the Coroner and Jury did not all view the Body at one and the same Instant, provided they all viewed the Body at the first Sitting of the Inquest; nor because all or any of the Jurors upon such Inquest may not have been rated to the Relief of the Poor; and in all or any of such Cases of technical Defect as are herein-before mentioned it shall be lawful for any Judge of either of Her Majesty's Courts in *Dublin*, or any Judge of Assize or Gaol Delivery, if he shall so think fit, upon the Occasion of any such Inquisition being called in question before him, to order the same to be amended in any of the respects aforesaid, and the same shall forthwith be amended accordingly.

Nothing in this Act to affect the Provisions of 7 & 8 Vict. c. 106. s. 31.

XLVII. And whereas it was provided by the herein-before recited Act passed in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, that it shall be lawful for the Grand Jury of the County of *Dublin* at each Presenting Term to present any Sum, not exceeding in the whole in any One Year the Sum of One hundred Pounds, for the Payment of each and every Coroner in such County respectively; provided that no Coroner shall receive more than at the Rate of One Pound Ten Shillings for each Inquest so held by him; be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal or alter the said Provision.

Grand Jury of the County of Dublin to present for Expences of Inquests in advance.

XLVIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Grand Jury of the County of *Dublin* at each Presenting Term to present in advance such Sum as they shall deem necessary for the Payment of all Expences incident to the holding Inquests within the said County during the ensuing Year, which Sum shall be applotted and levied in like Manner, and with the same Powers and Authorities, and subject to the same Rules and Regulations, as are enacted with reference to all other Sums presented by the said Grand Jury under and by virtue of the said last-recited Act.

Finance Committee of County of Dublin to pay the Expences of Coroner, and Magistrates Orders for Money.

XLIX. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Finance Committee of the County of *Dublin* to pay to any Coroner of the said County all Sums of Money which he shall have advanced to any Witness or other Person under the Provisions of this Act, or to pay all Orders for Money which any Two Magistrates shall under the Provisions of this Act have given to any Witness or other Person for or concerning any Inquest held by them: Provided always,

always, that such Payments shall not in any Case exceed the Sums of Money contained in the Schedule (C.) hereto annexed.

Coroners to make Returns yearly of Inquests to Lord Lieutenant.

L. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act every Coroner in *Ireland* shall, on or before the Tenth Day of *January* in each Year, make out and transmit to the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland* a Return in Writing, according to such Form as the said Lord Lieutenant shall from Time to Time direct, of all the Cases in which he shall have been called upon to hold an Inquest touching the Death of any Person during the Year ending on the Thirty-first Day of *December* immediately preceding, and a Copy of the Finding of the Jury on every such Inquest.

Commencement of Act.

LI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect on the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Interpretation of Act.

LII. And be it enacted, That in this Act the Word "Oath" shall in all Cases be construed and interpreted to signify and include all Affirmations which may now by Law be made and tendered by or to any Person or Persons in *Ireland*.

Act may be amended, &c.

LIII. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

SCHEDULES referred to in the foregoing Act.

SCHEDULE (A.)

Form of Oath to be taken by Electors at any Election for the Office of Coroner.

I *A. B.* do swear [*or* affirm], That I am a registered Elector of the County [*or* Borough] of in right of my [*state the Nature of the Franchise, whether it be an Estate of Freehold, Leasehold, or of any other Nature, and the Townland, Parish, and Barony where situate*], and that the Place of my Abode is at [*if it be a Place consisting of more Places or Streets than One, specify what Street or Place*], and that I have not been polled before at this Election [*adding, except in Cases of Affirmation*],

So help me GOD.

SCHEDULE (B.)

Form of Oath to be taken by Candidates at any Election for the Office of Coroner.

I *A.B.* do swear [*or* affirm], That I truly and bonâ fide have, to and for my own Use and Benefit, such an Estate of Inheritance of the annual Value of Fifty Pounds Sterling [*or* of Freehold for my own Life, *or* for the Life of *or* for the Lives of of the annual Value of One hundred Pounds Sterling, *as the Case may be*], in Law or Equity, as I have described in the Statement thereof delivered by me to the Sheriff [*or* Under Sheriff] of of and in the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, over and above all Charges and Incumbrances that may affect the same, and as doth qualify me to be elected and chosen to serve the Office of Coroner for the County of [Riding, *or* Division, County of a City, County of a Town, *or* Borough, *or District thereof, as the Case may be*], according to the Tenor and Meaning of an Act passed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Office of Coroner and the Expences of Inquests in Ireland;" and that my said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are lying and being at [*if in a Street in a City, Town, or Borough, or other Place, specify what Street,*] in the Parish of in the Barony of [*or* Ward of *as the Case may be*] and County of [County of the City of County of the Town of *or* Borough of *as the Case may be,*] aforesaid.

So help me GOD.

SCHEDULE (C.)

Table of Payments which any Coroner, or any Two Magistrates in his Absence, may make to any Witness or other Person who, being summoned, shall attend and give Evidence at any Inquest, or shall do any other Act or Thing in obedience to the Order of such Coroner or of such Two Magistrates as aforesaid.

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To any poor Witness, for each Day of Attendance at any Inquest, any Sum not exceeding, per Diem	0	1	0
To the Owner or Occupier of any private House who shall permit any dead Body to be deposited therein (if such Owner or Occupier be not related to or connected with the Deceased), any Sum not exceeding, per Diem	0	3	6
To the Owner or Occupier of any private House who shall afford Accommodation to the Coroner (or to any Two Magistrates during his Absence), Jurors and Witnesses, for the holding of an Inquest therein (in case such Owner or Occupier shall not be related to or connected with the Deceased), any Sum not exceeding, per Diem	0	3	6
To the Person or Persons who shall, pursuant to an Order from any Coroner or of any Two Magistrates, disinter and afterwards bury any dead Body	0	5	0
To any legally qualified Medical Practitioner who, in pursuance of the Summons and Order of any Coroner or of any Two Magistrates, shall attend and examine any dead Body, and give Evidence as a Witness at any Inquest held thereon, the Sum of	1	1	0
To any legally qualified Medical Practitioner who, in obedience to the Order of any Coroner or of any Two Magistrates, shall make a Post Mortem Examination of any dead Body, and shall attend and give Evidence at the Inquest held thereon, the further Sum of	1	1	0
To any Person or Persons who shall, pursuant to an Order in Writing from any Coroner or any Two Magistrates, have provided a Coffin, and buried the Body of any Stranger on which an Inquest shall have been held, the Sum of	0	10	0

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