

PROCLAMATION AT OPENING COURT BEFORE CALLING JURY.

OYEZ: OYEZ: OYEZ: you good men to this county (township) summoned to appear here this day, to enquire for Our Sovereign Lord the King, when, how and by what means (read name) came to his death, answer to your names as you shall be called, every man at the first call, upon the pain and peril that shall fall thereon.

PROCLAMATION FOR DEFAULT OF JURIES.

OYEZ: OYEZ: OYEZ: You good men who have been already severally called, and have made default, answer to your names and save your peril.

PROCLAMATION AT THE CLOSE OF AN INQUEST.

OYEZ: OYEZ: OYEZ: You good men of this township who have been impanelled and sworn of the jury to enquire for Our Sovereign Lord and King, touching the death of (read name) and who have returned your verdict, may now depart hence and take your ease, God save the King.

PROCLAMATION ON ADJOURNMENT.

OYEZ: OYEZ: OYEZ: All manner of persons who have anything more to do at this court before the King's Coroner for this county, may depart hence at this time, and give their attendance here again (or at the adjourned place) on .... next, being the .... day of ..... instant, at .... of clock in the forenoon or afternoon precisely. God Save the King.

PROCLAMATION ON OPENING ADJOURNED INQUEST

OYEZ: OYEZ: OYEZ: All manner of persons who have anything more to do at this court before the King's Coroner for this County, on this inquest now to be taken, and adjourned over to this time and place, draw near, and give your attendance; and you gentlemen of the jury who have been impanelled and sworn upon this inquest to inquire touching the death of (read name) severally answer to your names and save your recognizances.

OATH OF OFFICER TO KEEP A RETIRING JURYMAN AND BRING HIM BACK WITH ALL DUE SPEED.

You shall well and truly keep the juryman (or jurymen) who is (or are) about to retire with you, and shall not suffer any person to speak with him (or them) yourself, and shall bring him (or them) back to the remaining jurymen with all due and convenient speed.

OATH OF A WITNESS WHO SWEARS WITH UPLIFTED HAND.

The evidence which you shall give to this inquest on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King, touching the death of (read name) shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and this you do swear in the presence of the ever living God, and as you shall answer to God at the great judgment day. So help you God.



Read names of jury, occupation and addresses, each of whom will answer to his name

ADDRESS TO JURY BEFORE SWEARING FOREMAN.

Gentlemen of the jury, hearken to your foreman's oath, for the oath he is to take on his part is the oath you are severally to observe and keep on your part.

FOREMAN'S OATH.

You shall diligently inquire and true presentment make of all such matters and things as shall be here given you in charge, on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King, touching the death of (read name) (or of a person unknown as the case may be) here lying dead, you will present no man for hatred, malice or ill-will; nor spare any through fear, favor or affection; but a true verdict give, according to the evidence, to the best of your skill and knowledge. So help you God.

JURY OATH (Five standing place one hand on Bible)

You shall diligently inquire touching the death of (read name) (or of a person unknown as the case may be) upon whose body an inquest is about to be held, and a true verdict give according to the evidence, to the best of your skill and knowledge. So help you God.

Read names of jury again who answer by word, Sworn.

CORONER'S CHARGE TO JURY AFTER THEY ARE SWORN

Gentlemen, you are sworn to consider, on behalf of the King, how, when, where and by what means (read name) (or of a person unknown as the case may be) came to his (or her) death. Your first duty is to take a view of the body of the deceased, wherein you will be careful to observe if there be any, what marks of violence there are; from which and a proper examination of the witnesses, intended to be produced before you, you will endeavour to discover the cause of his (or her) death, so as to be able to return a true and just verdict on this occasion.

CORONER'S CHARGE AFTER VIEW OF BODY.

I shall proceed to hear and take down the evidence respecting the fact, to which I must crave your particular attention

STENOGRAPHER'S OATH.

You shall truly and faithfully take down, transcribe, and report the evidence given at this inquest, respecting the death of (give name) to the best of your ability. So help you God.

ORDINARY OATH OF WITNESS.

The evidence which you shall give to this inquest on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King, touching the death of (read name) shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. So help you God.



OATH OF WITNESS WHO SWEARS WITH UPLIFTED HAND.

The evidence which you shall give to this inquest on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King, touching the death of (read name) shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and this you do swear in the presence of the ever living God, and as you shall answer to God at the great judgment day. So help you God.

AFFIRMATION OF WITNESS

I solemnly promise, affirm and declare that the evidence given by me at this inquest shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

OATH OF INTERPRETER

You shall well and truthfully (truly) interpret unto the several witnesses here produced on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King, touching the death of (read name); the oath that shall be administered unto them, and also the questions and demands which shall be made to the witnesses by the court or the jury, concerning the matters of this inquiry; and you shall well and truly interpret the answers which the witnesses shall thereunto give, according to the best of your skill and ability. So help you God.

OATH TO BE ADMINISTERED ON THE VOIR DIRE.

You shall true answer make to all such questions as the court shall demand of you. So help you God.

NON CHRISTIAN OATHS.

Affirmation of a person who objects on conscientious grounds to take an oath, or is objected to, as incompetent to take an oath.

You solemnly affirm that the evidence to be given by you shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Oath of a Jew.

A Jew is sworn with his head covered, upon the Pentateuch opened and placed before him, using the words of the common oath (the evidence which you shall give to this inquest on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King, touching the death of (read name) shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. So help you "Jehovah". Substitute Jehovah instead of the name God, and letting the witness conclude by kissing the books of Moses, by handing him the Bible open at one of the first five books of the Old Testament.

Oath of a Chinaman. Two oaths broken plate, or burning paper.

The witness kneels down and a china saucer being placed in his hand he breaks it. The oath is then .... You shall tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and if you do not tell the truth your soul will be cracked like this saucer.

The burning paper oath, The witness is given a fragment of paper which he ignites until it is completely burned. The Oath. over.



Oath of Chinaman. - Continued.

You shall tell the truth etc. and if you do not tell the truth your soul shall be burned in purgatory as this paper has been burned.

Oath of a Mahomedan.

A Mahomedan places his right hand flat upon the Koran, and the other hand to his forehead, and brings the top of his forehead down to the book, and touches it with his head. He then looks for some time upon it, and on being asked what the ceremony was to produce, he answers that he is bound by it to speak the truth.

In other cases the oath should be that which the witness himself declares to be binding upon his conscience and he is always allowed to adopt the ceremonies of his own religion. The wording of the oath in such cases may be as follows: You swear according to the custom of your country and of the religion you profess, that the evidence you shall give to this inquest on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King, touching the death of (read name) shall be the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth. So Help you God.

CAUTION TO ACCUSED.

Having heard the evidence, do you wish to say anything in answer to the charge? You are not bound to say anything, but whatever you do say will be taken down in writing, and may be given in evidence against you at your trial. You must clearly understand that you have nothing to hope from any promise of favor, and nothing to fear from any threat, which may have been held out to you to induce you to make any admission or confession of guilt, but whatever you now say may be given in evidence against you upon your trial notwithstanding such promise or threat.

The Coroner then takes down in writing any statement the accused makes in the Form No. 52 of the appendix, but he is not to be sworn. The statement should be read over to him, and he should be got to sign it, if he will do so at the end. The Coroner dates and signs it as shown in form No. 52.

OATH OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF JURY. (Review evidence here then tell jury that is all evidence & they may retire if they wish.)

You shall well and truly keep the jury upon this occasion and shall not suffer any person to speak to them, nor shall you speak to them yourself, unless it be to ask them if they have agreed upon their verdict, until they shall be agreed.

The inquisition then being completed, the coroner requests the jury to hearken to their verdict, as recorded thus:- (Gentlemen of the Jury have you decided upon your verdict?)

Gentlemen, hearken to your verdict, as delivered by you, and as I have recorded it. You say upon your oath .... here repeat the substance of the verdict, then add 'So say you all'

In British Columbia, by the Coroners (Act of the Province) (61V. c.50, s.7, s.s. (5)) it is provided that in case the jury do not agree on a verdict, the coroner may adjourn the inquest to the next court of assize, oyer and terminer, and general gaol delivery, held for the district or place in which the inquest is held, and if after the jury have heard the charge of the judge or commissioner holding such court, the jury fail to agree on a verdict, the jury may be discharged by such judge or commissioner without giving a verdict.



### RECOGNIZANCE OF JURORS UPON AN ADJOURNMENT.

Gentlemen, you acknowledge yourselves severally to owe to our Sovereign Lord the King the sum of forty dollars to be levied upon your goods and chattels, lands and tenements, for His Majesty's use, upon condition that if you and each of you do personally appear here again (or at an adjourned place) on .... next, being the .... day of ..... instant, at .... of the clock in the forenoon or afternoon precisely, then and there to make further inquiry, on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King, touching the death of the said (read name) of whose body you have had the view, then his recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full force. Are you content?

THE CORNER'S ADDRESS ON ADJOURNMENT.

Gentlemen, the court doth dismiss you for this time, but requires you severally to appear here again (or at the adjourned place) on .... the .... day of ..... instant, at .... of the clock, in the ..... precisely, upon pain of \$40.00 a man, on the condition contained in the recognizance entered into.

TO THE CORONER

Whereas it appears to the majority of the jurymen, sworn at this inquest on this .....day of .....in the year of ..... touching the death of (read name here) that the evidence of ..... a medical practitioner qualified to practise in B. C. is necessary to satisfactorily explain the cause of death in this case we request you to issue the usual summons for his attendance to give evidence.

(signed)

Foreman of the jury.