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## CORONERS OF INQUESTS ACT, 1961

## CORONERS RULES, 1961

I, SIR RONALD HERBERT GARVEY, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., M.B.E., Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section thirty-two of the Coroners of Inquests Act, 1961, and of all other powers me in this behalf enabling, DO, after consultation with the Deemsters, make the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Coroners Rules, 1961, and shall come into operation on the date the Rules are approved by Tynwald.
2. Every person serving as a juror at an inquest by a Coroner shall be entitled to be remunerated for his services at the rate of £1 1s. od. for every day he serves on such Jury. Payments to jurors shall be made by the Treasurer of the Isle of Man out of the General Revenue of this Isle.
3. Where a Coroner or a Deputy Coroner or Acting Coroner has fixed a date for the holding of an adjourned inquest, any one of them whose duty it would be to hold an inquest if the inquest had not been begun may, at any time before the date so fixed, alter the date fixed and shall then give notice of the alteration to any person who has been required to attend the adjourned inquest.
4. Where a Coroner has required any person to attend either as a witness or as a juror at an adjourned inquest, whether without further notice or conditionally on receiving further notice, if subsequently the coroner decides that it is unnecessary for that person to attend the adjourned inquest the Coroner shall give notice to him that he is not required to do so.
5. (1) Where a Coroner issues an Order authorising burial he shall give the order to the relative of the deceased or other person who is about to cause the body to be buried, or to the undertaker or other person having charge of the funeral.  
(2) Every such Order shall have a detachable portion on which the person effecting the disposal of the body can insert the notification which by section 5 (1) of the Civil Registration and Dissenters Marriage Act, 1933, he is required to deliver in the manner prescribed under that Act to the Registrar of Births and Deaths.
6. The forms set out in the Schedule to these Rules, or forms conforming thereto as nearly as may be, may be used in cases in which they are applicable, and in other cases forms to the like effect, or as nearly as may be, may be used.

GIVEN under my hand this 15th day of June, 1961.

R. H. GARVEY,  
Lieutenant Governor.

S. J. KNEALE.

B. W. MACPHERSON.

## SCHEDULE

## I.

FORM OF DECLARATION OF OFFICE OF DEPUTY OR  
ACTING CORONER.

I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby swear that  
I will faithfully discharge the duties of deputy [acting] Coroner of the  
Isle of Man. So help me God.

## 2.

## FORM OF OATH TO BE ADMINISTERED TO JURY.

You, and each of you, swear by Almighty God that you will diligently enquire into all such matters as shall be laid before you touching the death of one \_\_\_\_\_ of whose body you shall, if you wish it, have the view, and that you will a true verdict give according to the evidence and to the best of your skill and knowledge.

## 3.

## FORM OF INQUISITION.

ON AN INQUEST HELD WITH A JURY.

An Inquisition taken for Our Sovereign Lady the Queen at  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ on the  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ before \_\_\_\_\_ Coroner for holding  
Inquests of Death for the Isle of Man upon the oath of

good and lawful men of the Sheading of \_\_\_\_\_ duly  
sworn to enquire for Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, as to the death  
of \_\_\_\_\_ on view of h \_\_\_\_\_ body; and those of the said  
Jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed upon their oaths do say:—

That the body of a \_\_\_\_\_ male now lying dead [ which on the  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ lay dead] at \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is that of \_\_\_\_\_  
(here insert the particulars required by the Registration Acts) and that  
he died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ (here insert cause of  
death) sustained on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_  
(here set out circumstances of death, as for example:—)

(I) by misadventure, when the motor car which  
he was driving collided with a stone wall.

MISADVENTURE
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- (2) when, whilst walking on the road, he was knocked down by a motor car driven by of such injuries having been caused by the culpable negligence of the said INVOLUNTARY  
MANSLAUGHTER
- (3) when of unlawfully and feloniously killed the said without malice aforethought. VOLUNTARY  
MANSLAUGHTER
- (4) when he was murdered by of MURDER
- (5) when of by her unlawful and wilful act [or omission] caused the death of her newly born child, but at the time of the act [or omission] she had not fully recovered from the effect of giving birth to such child and by reason thereof the balance of her mind was disturbed and that she was guilty of infanticide. INFANTICIDE
- (6) when he took his own life [at a time when the balance of his mind was disturbed]. SUICIDE

In Witness whereof the Jurors aforesaid have hereunto subscribed their names the day and year first before written

The said Jurors delivered the above as their Inquisition to me in the premises }  
Coroner. }

FORM OF INQUISITION.

ON AN INQUEST HELD WHOLLY WITHOUT A JURY.

An Inquisition taken for our Sovereign lady the Queen at in the of on the day of by me Coroner for holding Inquests of Death for the Isle of Man as to the death of on view of his body.

Whereupon I find as follows:—

That the body of a male now lying dead, etc. (and continue as in Form 3 as appropriate, as far as the words "In Witness Whereof" etc.).

FORM OF INQUISITION.

ON AN INQUEST, PART OF WHICH IS HELD WITHOUT A JURY.

An Inquisition taken for our Sovereign Lady the Queen at  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ before me  
\_\_\_\_\_ Coroner for holding Inquests of Death for the  
Isle of Man, without a Jury and afterwards, there having appeared to me  
to be reason for summoning a Jury, upon the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ upon the oath of \_\_\_\_\_  
good and lawful men of the Sheading of \_\_\_\_\_ duly sworn to  
enquire for Our Sovereign Lady the Queen as to the death of \_\_\_\_\_  
on view of h \_\_\_\_\_ body, and those of the said Jurors  
whose names are hereunto subscribed upon their oaths do say:—  
That the body of a \_\_\_\_\_ male now lying dead etc (and continue as in  
Form 3).

IMPOSITION OF FINE ON ABSENT JUROR OR WITNESS.

I, the undersigned Coroner for Inquests do certify that under Section  
15 of the Coroners of Inquests Act, 1961, a fine of \_\_\_\_\_ pounds  
is imposed by me on \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ juror  
who, being a person duly summoned to serve as a witness at an inquest  
held by me at \_\_\_\_\_  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
touching the death of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
did not appear in answer to the said summons.

Given under my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ Coroner for Inquests.

WARRANT TO COMMIT (OR DETAIN) ACCUSED FOR TRIAL.

WHEREAS by an Inquisition taken before me  
Coroner for Inquests, touching the death of \_\_\_\_\_ the  
Finding of the Jury was that (here repeat the Jury's full finding as sub-  
scribed by them in the Inquisition).

AND WHEREAS in consequence of such Finding I, the said  
\_\_\_\_\_ committed the said \_\_\_\_\_ for  
trial on a charge of \_\_\_\_\_ [the murder .....  
the manslaughter ..... the infanticide .....  
being accessory before the fact to the murder]  
of the said \_\_\_\_\_ .

This to command you to whom this Warrant is addressed to lodge the said \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Isle of Man Gaol, there to be imprisoned by the Keeper of the Gaol as follows:—

Until his trial for the said offence, and he shall be discharged by due course of Law.

And for this the present Warrant shall be a sufficient authority to all whom it may concern.

Coroner for Inquests.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 .

To: the Chief Inspector of Police or other person who is to execute this Warrant and to the Keeper of the Isle of Man Gaol.

RECOGNIZANCE OF ACCUSED AND SURETIES.

Be it remembered that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned Principal Party to this Recognizance hereby binds himself to perform the following obligations, viz.: When thereunto lawfully required to surrender himself and appear at a Court of General Gaol Delivery when the charge in respect of which he has this day been committed by the Coroner for Inquests to take his trial is to be further inquired into and will not depart the court or this Isle without leave, and the said Principal Party, together with \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

the undersigned Suret \_\_\_\_\_, hereby severally acknowledge themselves bound to forfeit to the Crown the sums following, viz.: the said Principal Party the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ pounds, and the said Suret \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ pounds each in case the said Principal Party fails to perform the foregoing obligation.

..... Principal Party  
..... Surety  
..... Surety

Taken before me at  
This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
Coroner for Inquests.



## 11.

NOTICE TO BE GIVEN TO A JURYMAN REQUIRED TO ATTEND  
AN ADJOURNED INQUEST WHEN THE DATE FIXED FOR THE  
ADJOURNED INQUEST HAS BEEN ALTERED.

*Isle of Man to Wit.*

WHEREAS you \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ were  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ required by me to  
appear [conditionally on notice being sent to you] at \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock in the \_\_\_\_\_ noon then and  
there to make further inquiry on behalf of Our Sovereign Lady the Queen  
touching the death of \_\_\_\_\_ .

THIS IS TO GIVE YOU NOTICE that you are not required to  
attend then, but that you are required [conditionally on further notice  
being sent to you] to attend at \_\_\_\_\_ on  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock in the \_\_\_\_\_ noon.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ .

Coroner.

## 12.

NOTICE TO BE GIVEN TO A JURYMAN REQUIRED TO ATTEND  
AN INQUEST ADJOURNED UNTIL AFTER THE CONCLUSION  
OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS WHEN THE CORONER DECIDES  
NOT TO RESUME THE INQUEST.

*Isle of Man to Wit.*

WHEREAS you \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
were on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ required  
by me to appear [conditionally on notice being sent to you] at \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ noon then and there to make further enquiry on behalf  
of our Sovereign Lady the Queen touching the death of \_\_\_\_\_ .

THIS IS TO GIVE YOU NOTICE that the Inquest will not be  
resumed and that no attendance will be required of you.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ .

Coroner.

## 13.

NOTICE TO BE GIVEN TO A JURYMAN REQUIRED TO ATTEND  
AN INQUEST ADJOURNED UNTIL AFTER THE CONCLUSION  
OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS WHEN THE CORONER DECIDES  
TO RESUME THE INQUEST.

*Isle of Man to Wit.*

WHEREAS you \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
were on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ required  
by me to appear [conditionally on notice being sent to you] at \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ noon then and there to make further enquiry on behalf  
of our Sovereign Lady the Queen touching the death of \_\_\_\_\_ .

THIS IS TO GIVE YOU NOTICE that you are required to attend  
 at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  
 in the \_\_\_\_\_ noon.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coroner.

14.

**NOTICE TO BE GIVEN TO A WITNESS REQUIRED TO  
 ATTEND AN ADJOURNED INQUEST WHEN THE DATE  
 FOR THE ADJOURNED INQUEST HAS BEEN ALTERED.**

*Isle of Man to Wit.*

WHEREAS you \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 were on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ required  
 by me to appear [conditionally on notice being sent to you] at  
 \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  
 in the \_\_\_\_\_ noon then and there to give evidence touching the death  
 of \_\_\_\_\_

THIS IS TO GIVE YOU NOTICE that you are not required to  
 attend then, but that you are required [conditionally on further notice  
 being sent to you] to attend at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
 at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock in the \_\_\_\_\_ noon.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coroner.

15.

**NOTICE TO BE GIVEN TO A WITNESS REQUIRED TO ATTEND  
 AN INQUEST ADJOURNED UNTIL AFTER THE CONCLUSION  
 OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS WHEN THE CORONER DECIDES  
 NOT TO RESUME THE INQUEST.**

*Isle of Man to Wit.*

WHEREAS you \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ were  
 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ required by me  
 to appear [conditionally on notice being sent to you] at  
 \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock in  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ noon then and there to give evidence touching the death  
 of \_\_\_\_\_

THIS IS TO GIVE YOU NOTICE that the Inquest will not be  
 resumed and that no attendance will be required of you.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coroner.

NOTICE TO BE GIVEN TO A WITNESS REQUIRED TO ATTEND  
AN INQUEST ADJOURNED UNTIL AFTER THE CONCLUSION  
OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS WHEN THE CORONER DECIDES  
TO RESUME THE INQUEST.

*Isle of Man to Wit.*

WHEREAS you \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ were  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ required by me  
to appear [conditionally on notice being sent to you] at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ noon then and there to give evidence touching the death  
of \_\_\_\_\_

THIS IS TO GIVE YOU NOTICE that you are required to attend  
at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ noon.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Coroner.

CORONER'S ORDER FOR BURIAL.

I, the undersigned, Coroner for the district of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the Isle of Man, do hereby authorise the burial of the body of \_\_\_\_\_  
aged about \_\_\_\_\_

late of \_\_\_\_\_ whose death was reported to me  
on \_\_\_\_\_ and whose body has been viewed by me\*  
[and by the inquest jury].

\* Strike out if inapplicable.

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Coroner.

(The detachable portion of this Form is to be completed in the manner  
prescribed under the Civil Registration and Dissenters' Marriage Act, 1933.)

CORONER'S ORDER TO CONVENE JURY.

*Isle of Man to Wit.*

By virtue of my Office, in Her Majesty's name, I charge and command  
you that on sight hereof you Summon and convene seven men from the  
Jurors list of your Sheading compiled under the Jury Act, 1960, personally  
to be and appear before me at \_\_\_\_\_

in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
19 by \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock and to attend and be sworn as Jurors  
upon an Inquest to enquire into the cause of the death of \_\_\_\_\_

You are also to summon all such persons as can give any testimony in the matter to appear at the time and place aforesaid; and for so doing this is your Warrant, and that you also attend at the time and place above mentioned to make a return of those you shall so summon, and have with you then and there this Warrant.

Given under my hand this                      day of                      19 .

Coroner for Inquests of Death.

To, the Coroner of                      Sheading.

19.

#### WARRANT TO EXHUME.

To  
(here insert the names of the incumbent or sexton of the burial ground in which the body has been buried)

I,                      Coroner for Inquests, in exercise of the powers vested in me by section seven of the Coroners of Inquests Act, 1961, and of all other powers me in this behalf enabling, do hereby direct the exhumation of the body of which has been buried in (here insert the name of the burial ground).

Dated the                      day of                      19 .

Coroner for Inquests.

The above Rules were approved by Tynwald on 11th July, 1961.