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MEDICO-LEGAL REPORT.

Having examined on Tuesday, 17th inst., at the request of the Coroner and a sworn Jury, the remains of a human body discovered by some labourers in the process of excavation in the rear of a new building lately erected in St. Paul Street, I have to make the following report :—

The body was interred in a bank, and according to the report of the labourers, about four feet below the surface of the earth, close to or upon the foundation of an old privy, and when observed was covered by a couple of boards. The earth having been frozen, the bones of the skeleton were removed by the aid of a pickaxe in detached fragments, so that nothing is known of the *position* in which the skeleton lay. An old leathern mitten and three half-pennies of a comparatively recent coinage were at the same time disclosed. No buttons nor other vestiges of wearing apparel were found though strict search was made. When first seen by me, the bones were promiscuously mixed together in a box, in the possession of the Beadle of the French Cathedral ; several of the vertebræ were wanting, but in other respects the skeleton was entire. The bones of the leg were disarticulated from the feet, which were concealed by boots. These were of the *Fellington shape*, of a common description, and of *British manufacture*, and in contact with the feet were *socks of coarse grey worsted*, considerably decayed.

On examining the different parts of the skeleton more minutely, the following appearances were noted :

A complete absence of all the soft solids, whether muscular or visceral. Lumps of a whitish substance adhered to the bones in various