

PART IV.

INQUESTS WITH A JURY

ARTICLE I.

PLACE OF INQUEST	Page 205
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The Coroner's inquest may be held in any suitable place in or near which lies the corpse, at any hour of any juridical day, provided that, if it be held before seven o'clock in the morning, or after nine o'clock at night, the persons called as jurors or as witnesses be not punishable in case they refuse to appear.

ARTICLE II.

PUBLICITY OF THE INQUEST	209
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The inquest is public.
It may be held secretly when publicity would hinder justice in the later investigations or when decency demands it.
In either case those interested have a right to be present or to be represented by a lawyer, but all other persons may be excluded if necessary.

ARTICLE III.

SWEARING THE JURORS	217
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When not less than twelve acceptable jurors are assembled they shall be sworn, by or before the Coroner, diligently to enquire touching the death of the person on whose body the inquest is to be held and a true verdict give according to the evidence, to the best of their skill and knowledge, without fear or favor, affection or ill-will. The oath may be replaced by a solemn affirmation or declaration from jurors who refuse to be sworn from conscientious motives.
After the oath or affirmation has been taken, the Coroner details briefly to the jury the object of the enquiry. And, then, if it is not in the same room, the jury go to view the body.