

OFFICE AND DUTIES

OF

CORONERS.

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SECT. 1.

The Antiquity of the Office.

THE common law office of Coroner is one of great antiquity, and much learning and research have been expended in shewing its origin and high repute, but any lengthy remarks on these subjects would be unsuited to a work designed for practical use. It will suffice to state that the origin of the office is involved in obscurity, but it is supposed to be coeval with that of Sheriff, and to have been instituted to