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CAP. XXXIII.

An Act to enable Coroners in *England* to admit to Bail Persons charged with Manslaughter.

[19th *April* 1859.]

WHEREAS in many Cases Inconvenience and Expense have been occasioned by the Inability of Coroners in *England* to admit to Bail Persons charged by the Verdict of a Coroner's Jury with the Offence of Manslaughter: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

In Cases of Manslaughter the Coroner may admit the Persons charged to Bail.

I. In every Case in which a Coroner's Jury shall have found a Verdict of Manslaughter against any Person or Persons it shall be lawful for the Coroner or Deputy Coroner before whom the Inquest was taken to accept Bail, if he shall think fit, with good and sufficient Sureties, for the Appearance of the Person so charged with the Offence of Manslaughter at the next Assize and General Gaol Delivery to be holden in and for the County within which the Inquest was taken; and thereupon such Person if in Custody of any Bailiff or other

Officer of the Coroner's Court, or in any Gaol under a Warrant of Commitment issued by such Coroner, shall be discharged therefrom.

Recognizances to be taken.

II. In every Case in which any Coroner or Deputy Coroner shall admit any Person to Bail he shall cause Recognizances to be taken in the Form given in the Schedule to this Act, and give a Notice thereof to every Person so bound, and shall return such Recognizances to the then next ensuing Assizes, and such Coroner or Deputy Coroner shall be entitled to such Fees and Charges as the Clerks of Justices of the Peace are by Law entitled to on admitting Persons charged to Bail.

Persons against whom Coroner's Juries have found Verdicts of Manslaughter to be supplied with Depositions.

III. At any Time after all the Depositions of Witnesses shall have been taken, every Person against whom any Coroner's Jury may have found a Verdict of Manslaughter shall be entitled to have from the Person having Custody thereof Copies of the Depositions on which such Verdict shall have been found, on Payment of a reasonable Sum for the same, not exceeding the Rate of Three Halfpence for every Folio of Ninety Words.

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SCHEDULE.

BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of our Lord *A.B.* of [Labourer], *L.M.* of , [Grocer], and *N.O.* of , [Butcher], personally came before me, One of Her Majesty's Coroners for the [County] of , and severally acknowledged themselves to owe to our Lady the Queen the several Sums following; that is to say, the said *A.B.* the Sum of and the said *L.M.* and *N.O.* the Sum of each, of good and lawful Money of Great Britain, to be made and levied of their Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements respectively, to the Use of our said Lady the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, if he the said *A.B.* fail in the Condition endorsed.

Taken and acknowledged the Day and Year first above mentioned, at , before me,

J. S.,
Coroner for the [County] of

Condition endorsed.

The Condition of the within-written Recognizance is such, That whereas a Verdict of Manslaughter has been found against the said *A.B.* by a Jury empannelled to inquire how and by what Means came by [his] Death; if therefore the said *A.B.* shall appear at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery to be holden in and for the [County] of , and there surrender himself into the Custody of the Keeper of the Gaol there, and plead to such Inquisition, and take his Trial upon the same, and not depart the said Court without Leave, then the said Recognizance shall be void, or else the same shall stand in full force and virtue.

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