

CHAPTER 168.

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*An act relating to Coroner's Inquests.*

Passed Feb. 27, 1847.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That whenever a jury shall be convened by a coroner, or justice of the peace, acting as a coroner, on the body of any person found dead, or supposed to have died from violence, within this State, and whereon any marks of violence shall appear, it shall be lawful for the jurors, after being sworn, and also for the coroner or justice acting as aforesaid, to require the attendance of some physician lawfully practising within the county, city or district whereat such jury shall be summoned to meet, to attend and inform himself, by due examination of the deceased, of the cause of his or her death, and to testify and give evidence before the said jury and coroner, or justice acting as aforesaid, in the premises.

Coroner, &c. require attendance of Physician.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any physician, after being summoned in like manner as witnesses are by law required to be summoned to testify at coroner's inquests, who shall neglect or refuse to attend, or to make the examination hereinbefore required, or to testify and give evidence as aforesaid, shall be liable to be fined by the coroner or justice acting as aforesaid, in like manner and to the same amount, and recoverable in the same manner, as any other person is liable for neglecting or refusing to attend, after being summoned on a coroner's inquest.

Physician summoned, refuse or neglect to attend.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That in the account of expenses to be made out and furnished by any such coroner or justice acting as aforesaid, to the proper levy court, or county, city, or district commissioners, of holding an inquest as aforesaid, the said coroner or justice shall include such a sum for the remuneration of the services of a physician so testifying as the said coroner or justice and jurors shall deem just, not being less than five dollars nor exceeding ten dollars, which sum so included shall be, with the other expenses of such inquest, assessed in the next levy on such county, city or district.

Account of expenses, &c.