



CORONERS INQUESTS



Downton *1700-1799*

1782

Sunday the 18th inst. the Coroner's Inquest sat on the body of James O'Brien, who was drowned at Downton, in this county, and brought in their verdict accidental death. This man had been detected in horse-stealing, and being closely pressed by his pursuers, took to the water, and thus reversed the adage. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal 26 August 1782**