



CORONERS INQUESTS



Inquest Report on James Clement

A Melancholy Accident

On Saturday sennight, Mr. Whitmarsh held an inquest on the body of Mr. James Clement of Mere who was killed in a most melancholy accident. It appeared that the deceased went shooting the day before with Mr. James Glover of Mere and that, while pursuing their sport, Glover fell in some deep water and called to his friend Clement to assist him.

Clement immediately took hold of the muzzle of Glover's gun in order to pull him out of the water but while in the act of this assistance, the gun went off and its contents entered Clement's left breast. Clement instantly fell exclaiming, "Lord, have mercy upon me," and died in about five minutes. He has left a widow and two children.

The jury brought in a verdict: "Accidentally shot."

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