



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## **Inquest On An Unknown Young Man**

On Thursday evening a young man came into the Running-Horse in Winchester-street, and asked for a lodging for the night : after calling for three pints of beer, which he shared with the company then present, he desired to have half a pint of small-beer to carry to bed with him; but before he had been up stairs ten minutes, an uncommon noise was heard, which the landlady going up to enquire the reason of, found her guest swelled to a great degree, and (as plain as he could speak) desiring a doctor. Mr. Randal, the apothecary, was sent for, who imagining he had swallowed poison, treated him accordingly, which in a few minutes had a very happy effect. He would confess nothing, but that he had bought a dose of salts at Portsmouth, which he took, to ease him of an internal pain; but he remains at present in a deep salivation, it is conjectured his intention was to destroy himself, as he confesses the dose he took was a white powder; and had not his body been in the most violent agitation, it was in the power of medicine to accomplish, he could not possibly have survived. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 4 Dec 1775**

On Thursday died the young man who was mentioned in our last Journal to have taken poison at the Running Horse in this city; and on Saturday the Coroner's inquest sat on his body, when it appeared that tho' the dose might have probably occasioned his death, yet it was given him by mistake, and consequently the verdict was brought in accidental. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 11 Dec 1775**

### **OPC Note:-**

There is no record of a bill having been raised for the attendance of the Coroner in this case