



## CORONERS INQUESTS



Before Mr Whitmarsh at Castle Eaton, on the body of Sophia King, wife of a labourer. It appeared in evidence that the deceased was attended by a midwife in labour, when the case becoming difficult, application was made to Mr Smith, the medical officer of the district, who lived five mile off; and although every dispatch was used by this gentleman, the time that necessarily intervened proved fatal to the mother.

Verdict - "That Sophia King died from a protracted labour' and the jury regret that she had not the benefit of a medical man at the time of her confinement". The Coroner observed that this was the second case of the same nature which had come before him within the short space of two months.

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