



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## **William Matthews**

An accident, which terminated fatally, occurred at Ludgershall, last week, to William Matthews, a young man in the employment of Mr. Crook.

He was in the act of bringing home a plough and three horses, when the horses took fright at a number of pigs in the road, and ran away, throwing down Matthews, whose smock-frock caught in the whippence, by which he was dragged some distance, and sustained a very severe compound fracture of the leg, besides being otherwise bruised. The leg was set the same evening; but mortification took place in a day or two, and he expired on the 26th instant.

An inquest was held by Mr. Wilson on the following day and a verdict of Accidental Death was returned, with a deodand of a sovereign on the plough and horses.

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