



# CORONERS INQUESTS



## **William Gatehouse**

On Friday the 2nd ins. Mr. Whitmarsh held an inquest at Mere, on the body of William Gatehouse, who was found lying down on the ground, in a lane in Mere, commonly called "Dark-lane."

The deceased was in liquor at the time: and had been quarrelling with another young man at a public-house, and received a blow which felled him to the ground, but he was able to leave the inn about 10 minutes after to go home.

At his death, which took place a few days after, two surgeons, of Mere, opened the head of the deceased; and no fracture or any external or internal injury appearing, so as to cause death, the jury returned a verdict, that "the deceased came to his death in a fit of apoplexy."

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