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Inventory of Precognition
death of
Roderick M^c Innes
1866

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Tobermory 27 December 1866

Inventory of Precognition
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Roderick Mac Innes

1. Precognition
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Precognition of Witnesses
as to
Death of
Roderick Macinnes
1866

Tobermory. Argyll

Paper 1866 - 16001

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Duncan Morison

says I am mate on Board the Steamer "Argyll" trading between Glasgow and the Islands of the West highlands.

On Monday 26 November 1866

we left Tobermory about ½ past 2 PM bound for the Islands of Coll & Tyree & Uist. The wind was from North West blowing strong. There were a number of passengers on board including the deceased Roderick Mac Innes a Seaman on his way home to the Island of Eriskay South Uist. It got dark as we passed Caillach Point the outer entrance to the Sound of Mull. In getting out into the open the sea was heavy and the Vessel rolling a good deal

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Mac Innes was on the quarter deck near the companion door. We were midway from Caillach point to Coll Mac Innes & I were talking together He was leaning as I was, against the bulwark of the quarter deck our backs were against the railing. While we were so talking the steamer rolled to the starboard side and M^c Innes lost his balance & went head first into the sea. I called out that a man was overboard & to stop the steamer. I unloosed a life buoy & threw it over at once - The steamer as at once stopped & I got out the Boat & made search for him but never got a sight of him - The night was dark and sea very heavy. We remained searching for about an hour without success. I picked up ~~

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up the lifebuoy which I threw over board. I never saw him after I threw the lifebuoy to him.. The accident occurred about 6 P.M. Mac Innes was about 28 years of age. He had been drinking a little but was I may say sober - at the time he went overboard the steamer took a heavy lurch to starboard & it was when she was at the lowest that he went overboard. Truth –

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Charles Cameron

son of and residing with Hugh Cameron Farmer Fracadale Island of Mull, says

I was a passenger on Board the steamer “Argyll” on

Monday 26 November 1866

I was bound for Coll and went in Board at Tobermory - We left the latter place between 2 & 3 PM The day was stormy the wind from North West with a heavy sea running - We passed Cailach point as it was getting dark. the distance from thence to Coll being about 10 miles - After passing Caillach the sea became heavier & in consequence the steamer rolled in it a good deal from side to side. When about midway from Caillach to Coll I observed the deceased Roderick ~~

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Roderick M^c Innes and the mate Duncan Morison talking together having their backs against the railing of the Quarter deck bulwark. I was quite close to them, & was hearing their talk. They were quite friendly. They talked together for about ½ an hour, and while still conversing & when about 4 miles from Coll the steamer took a heavy lurch to the starboard and when the vessel was at the lowest I saw M^c Innes go over the bulwark head foremost into the sea - the mate at once called out to stop the steamer and ran to the stern for the lifebuoy which he at once threw over board. The steamer was stopped the Boat lowered & the mate and one of the seamen got into it ~~

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it but after searching for nearly an hour returned on board without success. at the time the lifebuoy was thrown out I heard two cries from the sea but I did not see the figure in the water the night was so dark & the sea so very heavy. M^c Innes would be about 28 years of age. The accident occurred about 6 PM. Truth.

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Death of Roderick M^cInnes

Crown Office
Edinburgh 4 Jany 1867

Sir, I return this Case, Crown Counsel being of opinion that there should be no further proceedings. The schedule for the Registrar is revised.

I am,

Sir,

Your most ob, Serv^t
Robert Chapman
for the Crown Agent

The Procurator Fiscal
Tobermory

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Returning Precognition
death of
Roderick M^c Innes

No proceedings

