

In Her Majesty's name I assent to this Ordinance this
26th day of April, 1961.

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MAURICE H. DORMAN,
Governor.

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Sierra Leone

An Ordinance to Amend the Coroners Ordinance Cap. 45.

[11th May, 1961.] Date of
commence-
ment.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of Sierra Leone, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Coroners (Amend- Short title.
ment) Ordinance, 1961.

2. Section 25 of the Coroners Ordinance is hereby Amendment
amended— of section 25
of Cap. 45.

(a) by renumbering the present section as subsection (1)
of the section;

- (b) by adding the following subsections as subsections (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) of the section—

“(2) If on an inquest the Coroner is informed before the termination of the proceedings that some person has been charged before a Magistrate with the murder, manslaughter or infanticide of the deceased or with causing his death by reckless or dangerous driving he shall adjourn the inquest until after the conclusion of the criminal proceedings and may if he thinks fit discharge the jury.

(3) After the conclusion of the criminal proceedings, the coroner may, subject as hereinafter provided, resume the adjourned inquest if he is of the opinion that there is sufficient cause to do so:

Provided that, if in the course of the criminal proceedings any person has been charged on information, then upon the resumed inquest, no inquisition shall charge that person with an offence of which he could have been convicted on the information or contain any finding which is inconsistent with the determination of any matter by the result of those proceedings.

(4) Where the Coroner resumes an inquest which has been adjourned in accordance with the requirements of this section and the jury has been discharged, he shall proceed in all respects as if the inquest had not previously been begun.

(5) It shall be the duty of the clerk of the Magistrate before whom a person is charged with murder, manslaughter, infanticide or causing death by reckless or dangerous driving to inform the Coroner who is responsible for holding an inquest on the body of the making of the charge and of the committal for trial or discharge, as the case may be, of the person charged and it shall be the duty of the Master and Registrar and of the Registrar of the Sierra Leone and the Gambia Court of Appeal to inform the Coroner of the result of the proceedings.

(6) For the purposes of this section criminal proceedings shall not be deemed to be concluded until no further appeal can, without an extension of time being granted by the Sierra Leone and the Gambia Court of Appeal, be made in the course thereof.”

Passed in the House of Representatives this 8th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one.

S. V. WRIGHT,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed the House of Representatives and found by me to be a true and correct copy of the said Bill.

S. V. WRIGHT,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

M.P. O.P.M. 10/20.