

John Bremner Dies in Pentonville Prison

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Pentonville Model Prison.—On Friday, last week, an inquest was held before Mr. Walkley and a jury, on the body of **John Bremner**. **Bremner** was tried at Aberdeen on the 27th of April for stealing a cow and sentenced to seven years' transportation. His sentence was commuted to imprisonment at Pentonville, where he arrived on the 30th of May. In June he complained that he did not feel well, and was visited by **Dr. Rees**, the physician to the prison, who found him labouring under dyspepsia, and prescribed accordingly. Afterwards he was attacked with obstinate vomiting and about the beginning of November, **Dr. Rees** suspected his lungs to be diseased. He was then removed to a warmer cell, and on the 28th of November he took to his bed, and kept it till his death, on the 7th instant, which was caused by common pulmonary consumption. When removed to the warmer cell, he was ordered an extra allowance of diet. **Bremner** was taught shoemaking, and he never complained of solitude. Some of the prisoners were examined as to the treatment in the prison, and they all concurred in bearing testimony to the uniform kindness of the governor, physician, warders, teachers, and other officers of the prison. The jury returned a verdict that "**John Bremner** died a natural death, from pulmonary consumption" —accompanying their verdict with expressions of gratification at the kindness and attention with which the prisoners were treated.