I hereby certify on Soul and Conscience, that by warrant of the Sheriff, I made a Post-Mortem examination of the body of a Female child.
The examination was made at the new Cemetery Lochgelly at 7:30 a.m. on the 4th inst.
The body was that of a fairly well nourished female child born at the full term of Uterine gestation. The length of the body 18 inches, weight about 7 lbs.
There was slight post-mortem lividity across the back, otherwise the surface was pale, lips and gums bloodless.
About four inches of the Navel Cord was attached to the abdomen, loosely encircled about its middle by a piece of worsted. The cord at point of ligature was slightly discoloured.
On making an incision through the integuments, I found the muscles pale and bloodless.
On opening the chest, I found the lungs Completely filling that cavity, They were of a pale mottled colour, and on section, a slight quantity of frothy serum exuded from the cut surface – I then removed these organs along with the Heart and Thymus Gland “en masse”, and placed them in a deep vessel filled with water, they at once floated well on the surface.
The Heart was all but empty of blood.
On opening the abdomen I found all the organs healthy, but paler in colour.
than usual.
There was little blood in the large vessels. On removing the scalp the vessels there were entirely empty of blood. On opening the skull the membranes of the brain were very much engorged with blood. The interior of the brain itself was bloodless. In conclusion, I am of opinion, that this child was born alive and had breathed, that all its organs were healthy, and that it died from Syncope due to loss of blood, which might have been caused by the insufficient ligature of the navel cord.

John Stiell M.D.

Lochgelly
4 Nov[embe]r 1887