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Letter to Lloyd George from a London Coroner on the death of an old age pensioner
(PRO ref: T172/123)

HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

You need to study the source carefully before you decide whether it supports or contradicts any of the reasons in the Big Question.

ASK YOURSELF:

- Is this source critical of Lloyd George?
- Is it the sort of evidence you think he would take seriously or dismiss?
- What exactly did the jury recommend?
- How might Lloyd George have reacted to this source?

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The Right Honorable
The Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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Sir
At the conclusion of an inquest held by me at my Southwark Coroner's Court, on the 10th instant, concerning the death of Edward Heath, aged 85 years, the following Rider was added to the jury's verdict, namely :-

"We (the jury) unanimously suggest that the Government exercise supervision over old-age pensioners without means of sufficiently supplementing their pension; and that steps be at once taken by amendment of the Pension Act, or otherwise to preclude the granting of pensions to those unprovided with supplemental means, which would, in addition to a pension, afford applicants reasonable means of subsistence."

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
F. J. Waldo,
H.M. Coroner for the City of
London and Borough of Southwark.