V. Account of a Discovery of some Remains of Trees, within Sea Mark, at Whitburn, in the County of Durham, from the Rev. Thomas Baker, Rector of Whitburn.

At about a mile south of Whitburn, the sand having been removed by the tide at the latter end of November, 1822, the stumps of seven trees were seen at about 100 yards in the sea, measuring from high water mark. The largest is described as about six feet in diameter, and is obviously in the situation in which it grew. There is a considerable accumulation of vegetable matter round them, containing leaves, nuts, and broken pieces of branches: next below this, is a light blue clay, in which the trees appear to have grown: the common general stratum of clay is brown, with many small stones intermixed, and is very brittle: in this no vegetable remains have been found, though it is frequently laid bare for a considerable distance in Whitburn Bay.

Whitburn, 31st. Dec. 1822.