

*4th, Notice of Burnt Wood, Bones, &c. found at Craig Phaidrick, near Inverness. By Sir George Mackenzie, Baronet, &c. In a Letter dated November 12th, 1826.*

I shall pay attention to your suggestions regarding Craig Phaidrick. I never thought, from my examinations, that the circumference was so much a vitrified wall, as that masses of such matter were to be found, particularly at the south-east corner, which would telegraph Dun Evan and Knockfarril, and indeed Dun Jardil, as the spot for the fire would be of little consequence.

The pit which was taken for a well I dug to the bottom, and at five feet the solid rock appeared. I likewise sunk a variety of other pits to the rock. The soil may be about three and a half or four feet deep. The workmen found a vast quantity of burnt wood and bones, teeth, &c. which seemed to me to have belonged to animals consumed on the spot by the garrison. I am convinced, from many of the teeth, that roes and deer were part of the provisions. One bone was stated to be the tibia of a human leg by an Inverness surgeon. A small sharpening stone was found, very smooth and neat.