

12. *Notice of an Urn in which were contained very curious Jet Ornaments discovered near Assint in Ross-shire.—Communicated in a Letter to DR HIBBERT from SIR GEORGE MACKENZIE of Coul, Baronet.*

*Coul, 15th September 1824.*

DEAR SIR,—With this you will receive a parcel containing the remains of an urn, and some ornaments which it contained, and which I am desired to present to the Antiquarian Society by Alexander Fraser, Esq. of Inch Coulter, Ross-shire. The urn was contained in a rude stone coffin in which some bones were found. The whole was broken in upon while some workmen were removing a mound of earth near the old house of Assint in this county, and in front of a new farm-house which Mr Fraser lately built there. The ornaments (*see* plate 5, fig. 5–11) appear to me singular. I do not recollect any thing of the kind having been found in this country; the urns generally containing the ashes of bones. It is possible that the ornaments [of jet] may yet lead to the knowledge of the period of their deposition, and of the people who used them. Some other urns have been found in a large cairn at the distance of a few miles from the place where this was discovered. I have not seen them.