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NOTE OF SCULPTURED STONES IN THE CHURCHYARD OF KILMUIR, SKYE, IN A LETTER TO W. F. SKENE, ESQ., LL.D. BY M. F. CARMICHAEL, LOCHMADDY. (THE SKETCHES WERE EXHIBITED.)

I sent a few days ago, per favour of Mr Birnie, some sketches of stones in the burying ground of Kilmuir, on the west side of North Uist. It is only lately that I discovered that any such existed here. None of them are native productions; all seem to have been brought from some other place, by grand or great-grandfathers of some of the natives, who are still proud of the theft. There are large letters rudely cut across the chest and left arm of the figure on the stone marked No. "5," these I omitted in the sketch, as only calculated to mislead. We afterwards learned from the Receiver of Wreck, here, that the stone is over the grave of his grandfather, and that he when a boy, between forty and fifty years ago, cut his grandfather's initials upon it. The cross marked No. "1" was brought from a place called "Kirkabost," some miles from where it now is, probably twice stolen. Both arms are broken off, but one of them we found close by. There are several stones in and near the same place, but I had not time to look at them, as the place is seventeen miles distant, and we rode there and back on the same day. But we hope soon to make another exploring trip in that direction, and shall send you whatever of interest we find.

If full-sized tracings of any of the stones would be of use to you, I shall have much pleasure in sending them.