

THE PHYNODDEREE AND BALLAUGH OLD CHURCH *



That Phynnoderes, or as the word signifies, hairy goblin, existed in this Island in days of yore, is believed by many of the old inhabitants. A mound of earth in Glion-e-Worrey, which measures about nine feet long, is shown as the grave of one of these monsters, who died of grief caused by his failure in carrying stones over the mountain to build Ballaugh Old Church; according to the tradition, his creel, containing several cartloads, burst, and the contents remain a great heap on the mountains to this day, which I have often seen.

Pseud. ["Squire Veale"]. "Letter to the Editor." *Manx Sun* 15 February 1845: 2b–c.

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