

At Campbeltown the twenty ninth day of October
Eighteen hundred and eleven years.

In presence of Duncan Campbell Esq. sheriff substitute
of Kintyre, Appeared John Mclsaac, son to Lachlan
Mclsaac tenant in Corphine, aged twenty three years,
who being solemnly sworn and examined, Depones,
That he resides in the said farm of Corphine, which is
situated on the east coast of Kintyre, about four miles
south from Campbeltown. That about three or four
o'clock on the afternoon of Sunday the thirteenth current
having taken a walk towards the sea side, he came to
the edge of a precipice above the shore, from which he
saw the appearance of something white upon a black
rock at some distance from him. Depones, That having
approached nearer to this rock, he observed this white
object movng, which excited his curiosity so much
that he resolved to get as near to it as possible unper-
ceived. That in order to accomplish this purpose, he
crept upon all fours through a field of corn till
he got among the rocks near to the white object
above mentioned, and then from rock to rock,
until he came within twelve or fifteen paces
of the rock on which it lay. That upon looking
at this object with attention, he was impressed with
great surprise and astonishment at its uncommon
appearance. That it lay upon the rock seemingly
upon its belly, with its head towards the sea. That
the upper half of it was white, and of the shape
of a human body, and the other half towards the
tail, of a brindled or reddish grey colour apparently
covered with scales; but the extremity of the tail itself
was of greenish-red shining Colour. Depones, that
the head of this animal was covered with long hair,
and as the wind blew off the land, it sometimes
raised the hair over this creatures head, & every time
the gust of wind would do this, the animal would
lean towards one side, and taking up the opposite
hand, would stroke the hair backwards, & then
leaning upon the other side, would adjust the hair
upon the opposite side of its head in the same
manner. That at the same time the animal
would

[signed] Dun. Campbell Sh. Sub.

[page 2]

would put back the hair on both sides of its head in this manner, it would also spread or extend its tail like a fan to a considerable breadth, and while so extended, the tail continued in a tremulous motion and when drawn together again it remained motionless and appeared to the Deponent to be about twelve or fourteen inches broad, lying flat upon the rock. Depones, That the hair which was long, & light brown in the Colour, attracted his particular notice, That the animal upon the whole was between four and five feet long, as near as he could judge. That it had a head, hair, arms, and body down to the middle, like a human being, only that the arms were short in proportion to the body, which appeared to be about the thickness of that of a young lad, and tapering gradually to the point of the tail. That at the time it was stroaking its head as above mentioned, the fingers were kept closs together, so that he cannot say whether they were web'd or not. That he continued concealed looking at this animal for near two hours, the part of the rock upon which it lay being dry all that time. That after the Sea had so far retired as to leave the rock dry to the height of five feet above the surface of the water, the animal leaning first upon one hand or arm & then upon the other, drew its body forwards to the edge of the rock, and then tumbled clumsily into the sea. That the Deponent immediately got upon his feet from the place of his Concealment, and about a minute thereafter he observed the animal appearing above water very near to the said rock, and then, for the first time he saw its face, every feature of which he could distinctly mark, and which to him had all the appearance of the face of a human being, with very hollow eyes. And being particularly interrogated Depones That the Cheecks were of the same colour with the rest of its face – That the neck seemed to be short, and the animal was constantly with both hands

[signed] Dun. Campbell Sh. Sub.

[page 3]

hands stroaking and washing its breast, which was half immersed in the water, and of which of Course he had but an imperfect view. That for this reason he cannot say whether its bosom was formed like a woman or not. Depones That he saw no other fins or feet upon the said animal but as above described. Depones, That this animal Continued above water as aforesaid for a few minutes and then disappeared, and was seen no more by the Deponent. That one of his reasons for lying so long concealed as above described, was from the expectation that the ebb tide would leave the rock and that part of the Shore dry before the animal would move from it, and that he would then be able to secure it. Depones that he has been informed that some boys in the neighbouring Farm of Ballinattunie saw a creature of the above apperance in the Sea closs to the shore on the afternoon of the same Sunday. All which he depones to be truth as he shall answer to God, and depones he cannot write.

[signed] Dun. Campbell Sh. Sub.