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At Campbeltown the second day of November 1811 In presence of Duncan Campbell Esq'r. Sheriff Substitute of the District of Kintyre, Compeared Catherine Loynachan daughter to Lachlan Loynachan herd in Ballinatunie, aged eight years and a half who being examined and interrogated Declares that on the afternoon of a Sunday about three weeks ago, she was herding cattle for her father at the seaside on the said farm and

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had a brother with her younger than herself. That as she was turning the cattle towards home, and being at the time very close to the sea side she observed some creature sliding upon its belly off one of the rocks very near her into the sea. That she observed this creature had a head covered with long hair of a darkish colour, the shoulders & back white with the rest of the body tapering like a fish, and as she thought of a darkish brown colour. That after sliding from the

rock it disappeared under water, but immediately thereafter

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it came above water again about six yards further out & turned about with the face of it towards the shore where the declarant was standing, and having laid one hand which was like a boy's hand upon another rock that was near the first rock, it came in nearer to the shore than it was. That at this time the Declarant saw the face of it distinctly which had all the appearance of the face

of a child, and as white.  
That this time the animal was constantly rubbing or washing its breast, with one hand, the fingers being

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close together. Declares that after this animal continued to look towards the Declarant for about half a minute, it swam about & disappeared, but in a very short time, there after, she saw the head & face of this animal appearing above water again, and swimming away south towards the farm of Corphine but soon after disappear-

ed and the Declarant saw it no more. Declares that from the appearance of this animal above water when swimming south she thought it was a boy that had fallen out of a vessel passing

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bye & was swimming in shore for his life, upon which she went home in a hurry & told her Mother what she saw at the shore as aforesaid, all which she

Declares to be truth  
& that she cannot write

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Compeared Lachlan Loynachan herd in Ballinatunie, Father to the preceding Declarant, who being particularly examined & interrogated

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Declares that upon Sunday the thirteenth day of October last, as he was going from his house before sunset to look after some of the cattle of the farm, the day being stormy, his

wife called him back and informed him that their daughter Catherine came from the shore, and saying that there was a boy swimming along shore and desired the Declarant to see what it was. Declares that he, his wife & his daughter Catherine went down to the sea side where she said the boy was

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swimming but no boy or person was to be seen there. Declares that his daughter then told him all that she has

now declared about the appearance of the boy and pointed out to him the two Rocks where she had seen the person they were in quest of. Declares that he is well acquainted with the fishing rock called the black rock of Corphine, and he thinks that the distance between that rock and the the two rocks where his said daughter saw the boy or animal before mentioned will be

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about half a mile or rather better, all which he Declares to be true &

that he cannot write.

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