

the remembrance of people yet living, are now no more. Wherever a high sandbank has been entirely worn away the soil under it is found to have been either a rich loam or black moss. In many such situations, vestiges of houses, enclosures, churches, and burying grounds appear.'¹

The results of long-continued marine erosion and of the manner in which these are modified by geological structure

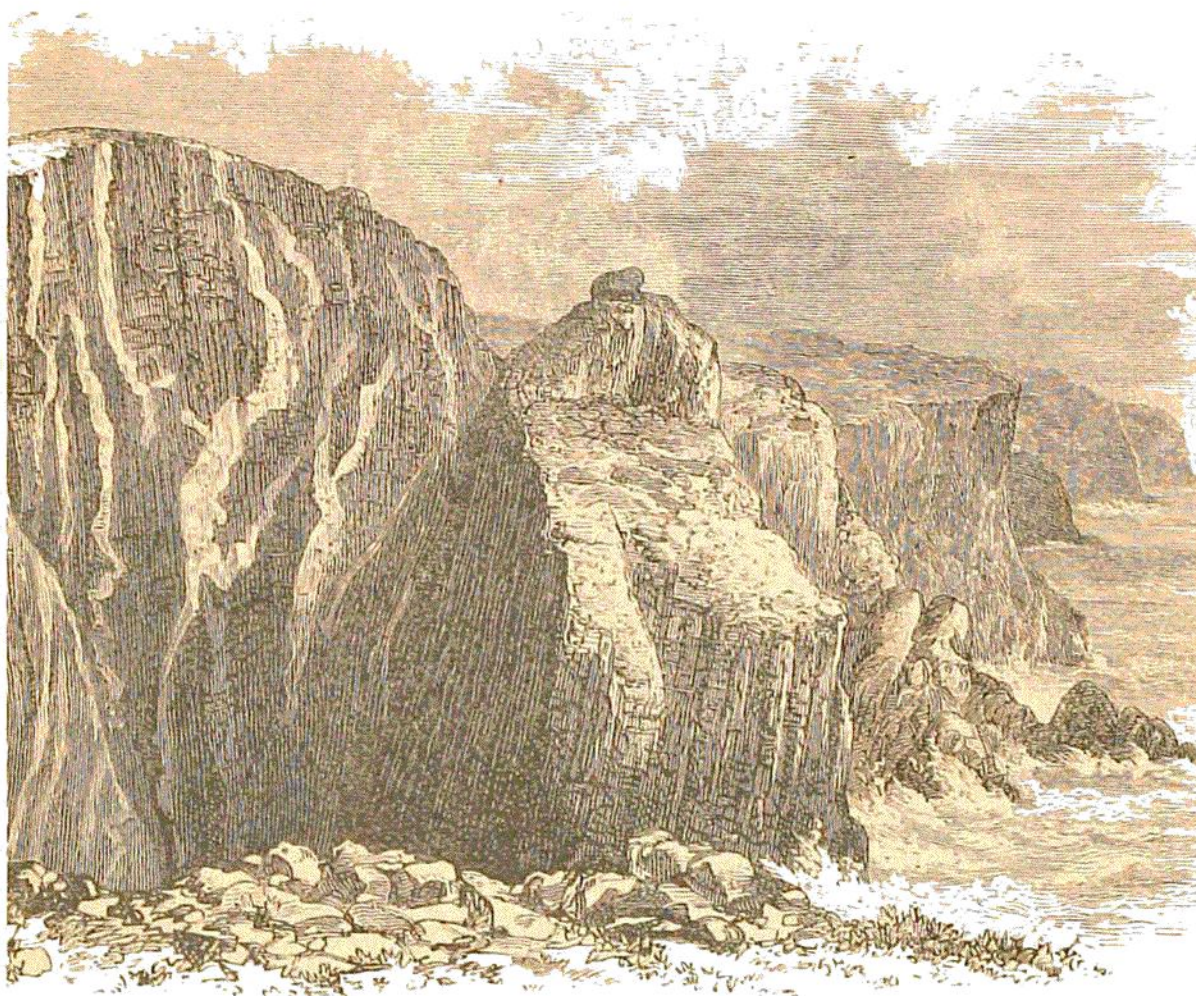


FIG. 15.—Cliffs of Archæan Gneiss, with pink pegmatite veins, Cape Wrath.

are nowhere more instructively displayed than along the western sea-margin of the Scottish mainland. We may specially distinguish three types of sea-cliff there, each of which owes its peculiar characters to the internal structure of its component rock. These types are: (1) the crystalline schists, and

¹ *Old Stat. Acc.* vol. x. p. 373.