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Thurso consist of similar rocks, and are equally impressive, particularly at the Clett and Holburn Head [Fig. 7]. The stacks of Duncansby, consisting of red sandstone [Fig. 12], may be contrasted with those masses composed of hard-jointed flagstone.

From Thurso a steamer crosses to Orkney, where the Caithness coast scenery is repeated. The cliffs of the west of Hoy, however, with the solitary 'Old Man' [Fig. 13], are much more imposing than any on the opposite mainland. From Wick a steamboat sails to Kirkwall and Lerwick. Shetland, though destitute of fine inland scenery, abounds in picturesque coast cliffs cut by the waves into the most fantastic forms [68].