

like nails that have been drawn out of a board by the carpenter at two several wrenches, and bent in opposite angles at each wrench; some are bulky and squat, some long and slender; and in almost all the varieties, whether curved or straight, squat or slim, the base is elegantly striated like the flutings of the column. In the splendid specimen found in

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statement, had set himself to show that the scaly giant of the formation could have been no sturgeon, the Doctor had the passage in which the naturalist established the fact transferred into a Fife newspaper, with, of course, the laudable intention of preventing the Fife public from falling into the *absurd mistake* of Professor Fleming. There seems to be something rather inexplicable in all this; but there can be little doubt Dr. Anderson could satisfactorily explain the whole matter without once referring to the *oyster shells* of Clashbennie. It is improbable that he could have wished or intended to injure the reputation of a gentleman to whose freely-imparted instructions he is indebted for much the greater portion of his geological skill — whose remarks, written and spoken, he has so extensively appropriated in his several papers and essays — and whose character is known far beyond the limits of his country, for untiring research, philosophic discrimination, and all the qualities which constitute a naturalist of the highest order. Dr. Johnston, of Berwick, in his *History of British Zoöphytes*, (a work of an eminently scientific character,) justly “ascribes to the labors and writings” of Professor Fleming “no small share in diffusing that taste for Natural History which is now abroad.” And as an interesting corroboration of the fact, I may state, that Dr Malcolmson, of Madras, lately found an elegant Italian translation of *Fleming’s Philosophy of Zoölogy*, high in repute among the elite of Rome. Lest it should be supposed I do Dr. Anderson injustice in these remarks, I subjoin the grounds of them in the following extracts from professor Fleming’s paper in *Cheek’s Journal*, and from the paper in *Jameson’s New Edinburgh Journal*, in which the Doctor purports to give a digest of the former, without once referring, however, to the periodical in which it is to be found: —

“In the summer of 1827,” says Dr. Fleming, “I obtained from