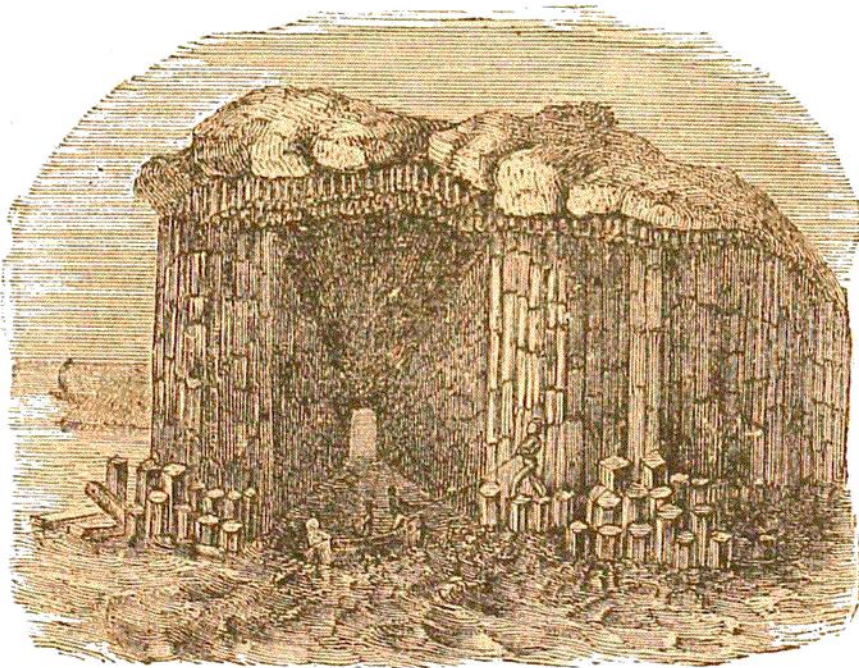


are for the most part a steep cliff, 70 feet high, formed of columns. The cave is a chasm (in these columns), 42 feet wide, and 227 feet long, formed by the action of the waves. The following sketch, Fig. 66, will convey an idea of the situation of the cave and of the general structure of the island.

The Giant's Causeway consists of an irregular group of pentagonal columns, from one to five feet thick, and from 20 to 200 feet high, jointed as usual. Where the sea has had access to them, their upper portions are worn away, while the lower part remains extending an unknown distance beneath the waves, and seeming the ruin of some ancient work of art, too mighty for man, and therefore referred to the giants. Here also is a cave of considerable extent.

Fig. 66.



*Fingal's Cave, Staffa.*

Fig. 67 shows the appearance of a few columns, having the concave extremity uppermost at the Giant's Causeway.

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