

**Edward Lhwyd to Francis Paynter,
Falmouth, 30 November 1700**

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I here trouble you with Copies of a few Inscriptions, the oldest that have occur'd to us since we left you. The first and second Figures are the two sides of a Cross by the Alms-House at St. Blasey, the Inscription whereof I do not at all understand, but perhaps you may meet with some one hereafter who may interpret it. The third is printed in Camden's *Britannia*, but erroneously as to the Form of the Character, as will appear upon comparing them. Camden's reading of it, viz. Donjert rogavit pro anima, is true without doubt. And in Confirmation of his Conjecture, that this Stone was put up by Dungerth Prince of Cornwall, about the beginning of the ninth Century, I can add, that the Letters [*p.* 238] are exactly the same with those on a Monument I lately met with in Denbighshire, put up by Konken King of Powis, the very same time; and the writing the Name Dungerth, Donjert, is exactly agreeable to the Orthography of that time.

The fourth is the Tomb-Stone of an antient Britan, whose Name was Kynadhav' Ap Ichdinow; but is now a Foot-bridge at Gulval, and is call'd the Blue-Bridge. This may be about two hundred Years older.

The fifth, which lies in the Highway near Fowey, and is commonly call'd the Long-Stone, may possibly be of twelve hundred Years standing. The Reading is, Cirusius hic jacit Cunomori Filius; for the fifth Letter in the second Line must needs be an M revers'd, W being but lately introduc'd into any Alphabet. This Man's Name, in British, was Kirys Ap Kynvor; and I do not much question but Polkirys (a [*p.* 239] Village within half a Mile of this Stone) receiv'd its Name from him.

Edw. Lhwyd.