

the necessity of sending to the ponds in the fields for water, and groups of girls bearing tubs, slung on two poles, were constantly seen passing along the pathways. On Mr. Manico's return he was accompanied by the Baron d'Ende, Chambellan de S. M. le Roi de Saxe; who was making the tour of the Orkneys, and to whom I paid every attention in my power.

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Accompanied by two of the officers, I walked into the country to see some Druidical remains, situated at Stenhouse, about six or seven miles from the town, and on the borders of an extensive lake, which communicates at high water with the sea. The first of these remarkable monuments consisted of three flat slabs of sandstone, standing upright, and from ten to fifteen feet in height. One entire slab lay flat on the ground, and I afterwards heard that it had been intentionally thrown down by some ardently inquisitive antiquary, to ascertain how deeply it had been embedded in the earth; but he was afterwards unable to place it as it was before, to the great chagrin of some of the old Orkney women, who hold these ruins in great reverence. The fallen stone had been embedded two feet and a half, and the space in which the four had stood was