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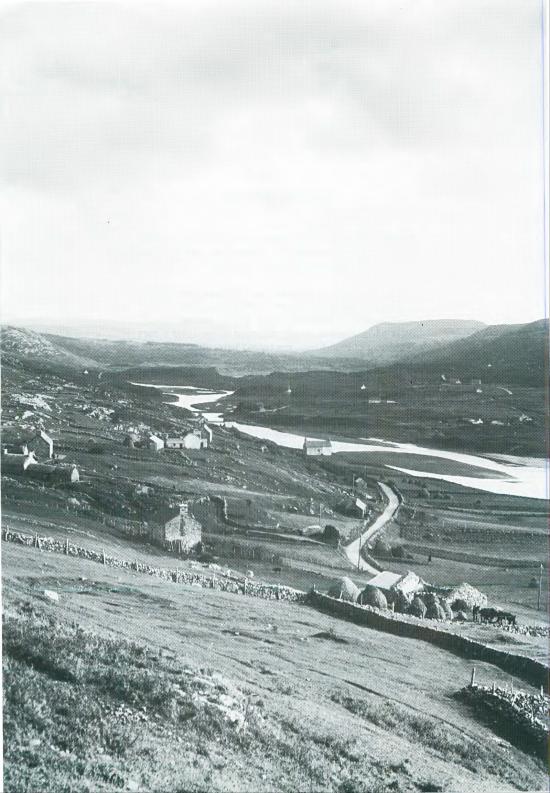


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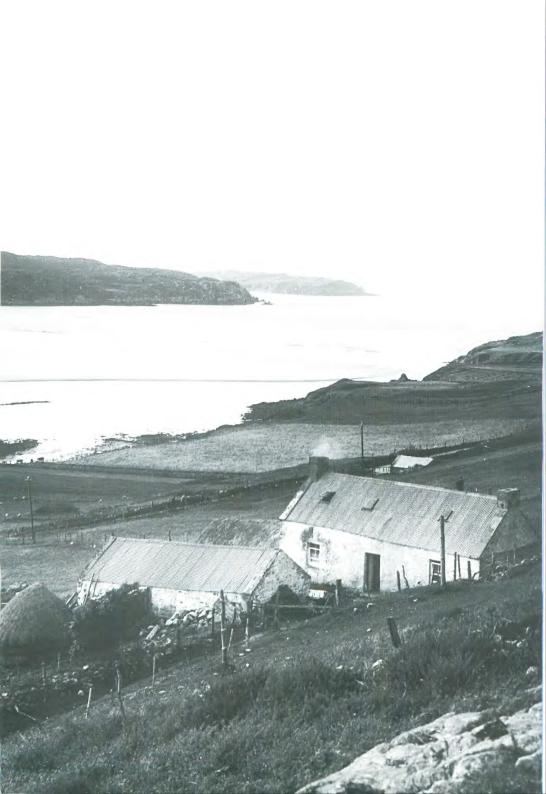
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It toucheth at the East Catnes all alongst, upon the west is Assyn at the south is Suthirland, and the great green sea upon the north.

... This Province is devyded as followeth first Etyr a Chewlis separat westward from Assyn, nixt to the east therof is Durenish, more to the east followeth West Moan then Kuntail, wherein is the Lord Chief dwelling called Tung. Eastward from it is that part which is cald Strath Naver therby understanding a part of the countrey not the whole the last is Hallowdail marching with Catnes.

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