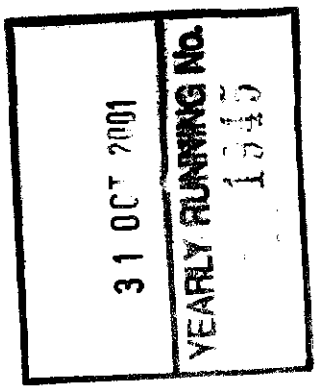
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THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND
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Entry in the Schedule of Monuments

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Re: The Monument known as
Castle Mestag, fortified sea-stack, Stroma

in the Parish of Canisbay and
County of Caithness

Search Sheet No: 2692

Historic Scotland
Longmore House
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Edinburgh

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ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as Castle Mestag, fortified sea-stack, Stroma comprises the remains of what appears to be a small fortification set on a detached rock stack at the SW tip of the island of Stroma. The stack on which the fortification sits is sheer-sided and there is no surviving sign of a former land-bridge connecting it to the larger island. Its top slopes down from ESE to WNW, and the remains of the structure are on the higher, eastern, end. They consist of a length of drystone (or possibly clay-bonded) masonry running along the SE side of the cliff edge, with a shorter stretch at right angles on the NE side. The latter stands up to 1.5m high. The NW and SW sides of the stack are grassed over and do not show any masonry. If the structure's plan was ever a complete rectangle, it would have measured about 5m NW-SE by 8m externally. The area to be scheduled consists of the entire top of the stack, an irregular sloping area of ground about 30m NW-SE by 15m, to include the remains described and an area around to seaward of them in which associated remains are likely to survive. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Canisbay and the County of Caithness as shown outlined in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative

[redacted] is hereby included in the Schedule of Monuments appearing to the Scottish Ministers to be of national importance compiled and maintained by them under section 1(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

Subscribed by Frank James Lawrie, Director of Heritage Policy with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 9th day of October Two thousand and one, before this witness Lesley Macdonald, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[redacted] Witness

[redacted] Director of Heritage Policy

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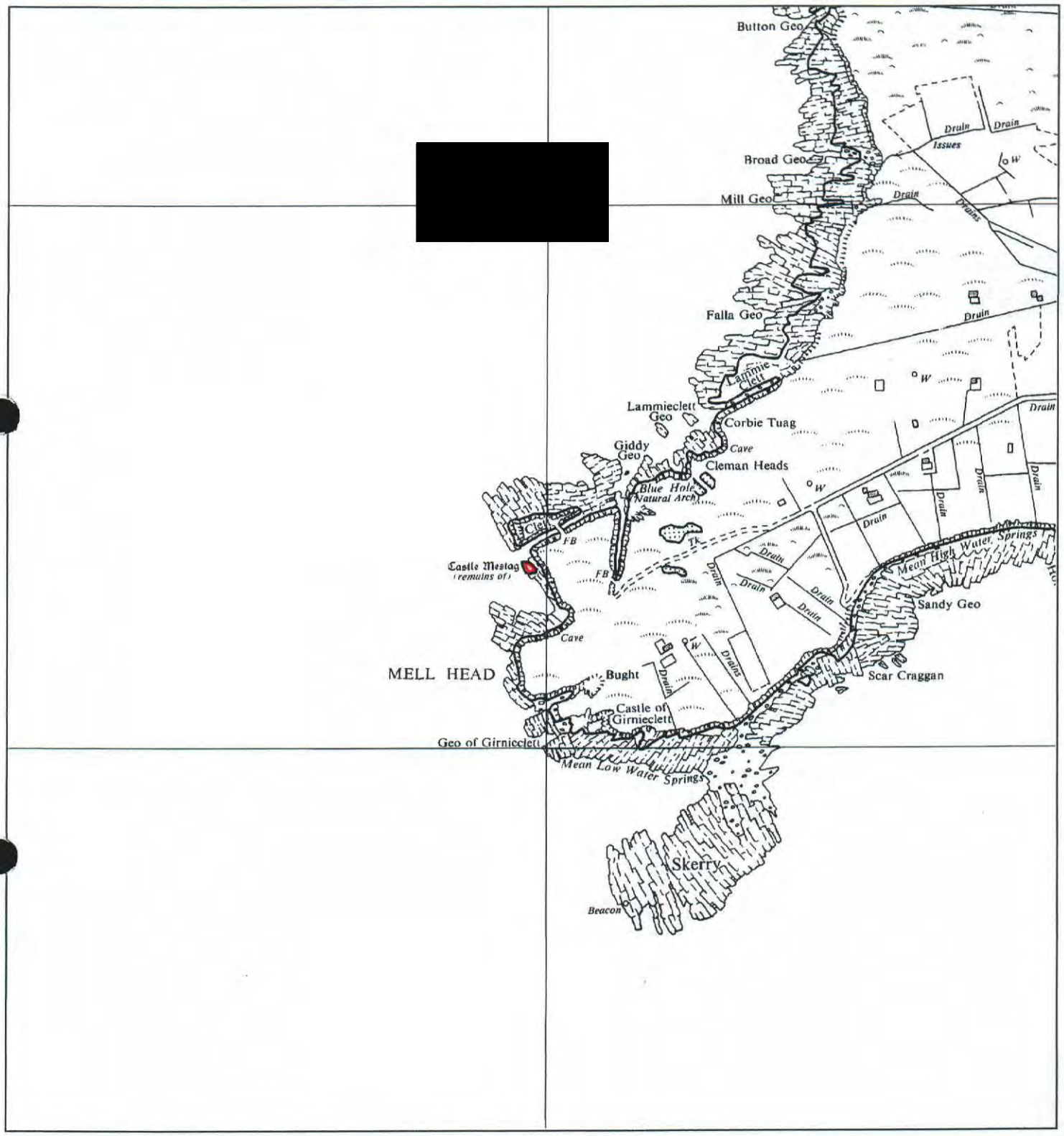
Register on behalf of the Scottish Ministers in the Register of the County of Caithness.

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An Officer of the Scottish Ministers

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This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting
Castle Mestag, fortified sea-stack, Stroma,
dated: 9 October 2001 and is signed as relative thereto.



Castle Mestag, fortified sea-stack, Stroma

Canisbay Parish

Scheduled Area

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