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Caerau Gaer

Circular Earth Camp

This and its companion Llandewi Gaer are exceedingly interesting camps; they seem designed, with the earthwork at Lampeter Velfrey, to defend a line of country whereas Pembrokeshire camps were usually constructed as refuges. This earthwork is an irregular round about 550 yards in circumference, around which a bank has been raised; in only one place is there a ditch on the outside, and at that point the ground outside rises. The floor of the camp has been levelled up. From wash and tread there is now a considerable fall to the gateway, which is 30 feet wide and on the western side of the camp. The highest part of the bank is about 12 feet above the bottom of the ditch, and 9 feet above the floor of the camp. A fine Neolithic axe was found in this camp in 1816, and is now in Tenby Museum. Fenton, 478.

EARTHWORK IN GOOD CONDITION. LARGE
PILE OF MANURE DUMPED ON WESTERN
SIDE OF SITE. SOME GRAVEL HAS ALSO
BEEN DUMPED AT A MODERN(?) GAP IN
THE BANKS TO THE NORTH EAST, WHERE
FARM VEHICLES PASS THROUGH

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