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ROMANO-BRITISH POTTERY FROM SHORTLANESEND, TRURO

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Four sherds (Nos. 49,58,184,204) were thin sectioned and studied under the petrological microscope.

The sherds 184 and 204 both contain large angular grains of altered felspar and fibrous aggregates of pale green to colourless amphibole. The mineralogy closely resembles that of Romano-British pottery examined by the writer from two other Cornish 'Rounds', Trethurgy and Threemilestone, and undoubtedly indicates the use of gabbroic clay from the Lizard (Peacock, 1969).

Scattered inclusions of feldspathic grit containing fibrous chlorite grains are present in sherd 58. A fairly local source may be indicated in this case, as similar fragments of rock can be found in the Grampond deposits on which the site is situated.

The sample from 49 contains frequent subangular grains of quartz, average size up to 0.10mm. The source of this material is unknown due to the common nature of the inclusions.

Peacock, D.P.S. (1969) 'Neolithic pottery production in Cornwall', Antiquity, 43(1969), 145-149.