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For the biographical note of Alfredo Ezequiel Figueredo, please see the penultimate page of issue number 2; for the biographical notes of Stephen Davey Glazier and Fernando Royo Guardia, please see the inside back cover of issue number 5.



Few art objects from the prehistoric Virgin Islands have found their way to responsible museums, and the student of art history has little enough to work with when dealing with our past. The above is a bright exception, reported by Carl Christian Rafn in the *Antiquarisk Tidsskrift* for 1852-1854, p. 439; it still should be with the collections of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquarians, in Copenhagen.

Here is a translation of Rafn's description of the piece:

Also on St. Croix [no locality is given] was found an Idol of Stone, 5 ½" long, on one side decorated with a zoöomorphic head, and on the other with extraordinary winding lines.

We pray that a benefactor of West Indian archaeology may visit the collections and ascertain whether this valuable piece is in good condition; also, the publication of sharp, glossy photographs are called for eventually. In the meantime, we can rejoice in the knowledge that it exists, and envy happy Denmark its good fortune.