## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## AYRSHIRE BAUXITIC CLAY A FLINT CLAY

A comment to Keller, W. D. (1968) Flint-clay and flint-clay facies: Clays and Clay Minerals 17, 113-128.

ALTHOUGH Keller gives a history of the use of these terms, and Chukhrov (1970) followed with "analogues of flint clays in Soviet literature", no reference has been made recently to Ayrshire bauxitic clay in this connection. In conversation with F. L. Loughnan of Sydney, New South Wales, in 1968, I found that we both recognized Ayrshire bauxitic clay (Wilson, 1922) as a typical flint clay; but I see now that Bosazza (1941) clearly made this identification much earlier.

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