

98 Quatena and his wife had already gone to their farm, the servants were all busy some in digging potatoes, others in making fires to roast them. - Hearing the sound of a fall of water at a little distance, I went to examine it, while the potatoes were roasting, and found a fresh water river falling over a bed of rocks, which there extended from bank to bank; -

I estimated the fall to be about 91 feet perpendicular height. - The water is sufficient to turn mills of any kind. - A regular bed of solid rock, I think of whin stone, runs direct across the head of the salt water Cove, and forms a dam similar to many of the artificial dams in England. - The water seemed to be supplied from regular springs and heavy rains. - The land on both sides of the river appeared very good. - After taking some refreshment, about 10 o'clock we set off for Waimate. - For the first three or four miles we past through a rich uneven country. - The land in general was free from timber, and could easily have been plowed, it appeared to me, to be good strong wheat land, and was then covered with fern. - For the next six miles the land seemed of various qualities some exceeding good, some of it stony, a part swampy, and the other portions of a gravelly nature. - The whole of this part