

and the people at Van Diemen's Land. We have made an excursion
 into the interior when we have seen the land in a state of
 cultivation. Fine wheat of different kinds is produced here, and
 potatoes superior to those near Port Jackson. Great tracts of land
 in various parts are lying waste for want of settlers to occupy
 them, and these covered with grass and in a great measure
 encumbered with woods & forests. Bread and Beef and Mutton,
 and Pork are very plentiful indeed, and the meat is nearly equal to
 that in England for fatness and quality. The wool is generally very
 coarse and of a heavy nature, and will not in all probability be materially
 improved until there is a demand for it. There is no manufactory
 of any consequence for woollen cloth either here, or at Port Jackson. Almost
 the whole of the wool is thrown away and lays upon the ground
 as an useless thing, altho' at Port Jackson the wool is in general
 very fine.

The Population of this Settlement amounts to Two Thousand
 and seventy seven Persons - but I am sorry to say in a religious
 point of view a dark cloud overshadows the whole. The Church
 built of wood has been long since blown down by a tempestuous
 wind, and nothing like a church of pious believers is to be found. Drinking,
 Swelling, and Feasting are the order of the Day. We heard it is true on
 the day after our arrival of one poor man who had formerly been an
 eminent preacher in the Westbury congregation in my own native county