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(Lancelotti) and had after that exercised his talents as such in Norfolk
Island. He resided, as we were told, at a distance of some miles from
us on the other side of the river and we endeavored to find him out.
It was at the bottom of a high mountain and far removed from any
other habitation that we discovered his miserable dwelling place.
It was deep in mean attire: his shoes were made of sheepskin
undressed, and his other raiment of a suitable description. His chief
employ was the keeping a little flock of sheep, and his library consisted
of a Testament which bore the mark of the British and Foreign Bible
Society. After his surprise had subsided which had been excited by
our accosting him upon the subject of Religion, he told us, that some
severe trials of a personal and family nature which he had experienced
in England had been the cause of inducing him to leave his native
land; that while he was at Norfolk Island he had preached to the
people, and had been treated with much kindness by Governor Phipps
and the other settlers; but after his removal to this place (which happened
at the time Norfolk Island was given up by order of Government)
he had suffered much from persecution. The late Governor Collins &
the present Mr. Knappwood had treated him with much severity, and
at the last he had been reduced to the painful necessity of giving
preaching entirely up. Since that period he said he had often been
in a low state of mind, and upon taking a survey of his own
conduct felt grieved that he had not done as he ought to have
done. He had mixed too much with the world, had yielded too much