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For the next 6 miles the soil was of various qualities some good, some stony, some swampy, and some of a gravelly nature. The country I passed through was exceeding well watered, having crossed 9 fine runs of fresh water in the distance of as many miles. I then entered a very fine wood of different kinds of timber, the Pines in particular were of an uncommon size. After passing through the wood, I came to a native Village which was situated in a fine rich Valley through which a considerable rivulet ran. For the next 5 miles the soil varied some stony but the land rich, and in the stony land the natives plant considerable quantities of Potatoes, there was a large flat of good land that might be brought with the plough, I observed one field that appeared to me to contain 40 acres and upwards, all fenced in, in this enclosure very expensive plantations of sweet and common potatoes were observed, shortly after passing this field I came to a strong fortified Village, containing about 200 houses, it was built on the summit of a very high hill round which three deep, and wide trenches were dug, at a few paces from each other and all three fenced either with split or whole trees not less than 20 feet high, in this fortification there were a number of people, the Village and people belonged to the Chief Shungkee and his brother Rangaroo, and all the country through which I passed, the two Chiefs have very large dominions their territory extending from the East side of New Zealand opposite to the Carall Islands to the West side of it, I slept two nights in this fortification, during the time I remained here, I examined the country for about 5 miles to the westward, and arrived at a lake of fresh water about 15 miles in circumference, Shungkee informed me, that this lake emptied itself into a fresh water river, that runs into the

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