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Farms. The Servants were all busy some digging Potatoes,
others making fires to roast them. Hearing the sound of
a very heavy fall of Water at a little distance, I went
to examine it while the Potatoes were roasting, and found
the fresh Water River falling on a bed of Rocks which ran
from Bank to Bank. I estimated the fall to be at about
9 feet perpendicular with plenty of Water for turning mills
of any kind. A regular bed of solid Rock ran direct across
the salt Water Cove, and formed a Dam similar to many
of the artificial Dams in England. The Water seemed to be
supplied from regular Springs as there were no marks
on the Banks of Floods as in New South Wales from heavy
rains. The land upon both sides of this River appeared
very good. After taking some refreshments about one
o'clock we set off from Whymattee, for the first 3 or 4
Miles we passed thro' a rich level Country in general.
The land free from Timber and could be easily ploughed. It
appeared to me to be good strong Wheat land and was
covered with Fern. For the next 5 Miles the land was of
various qualities, some exceeding good, some stony, some
swampy, and some of a gravelly nature, the whole of
this tract of Country taken collectively would form a good
agricultural settlement. It is watered by several fine
Streams which seldom run thro' it more than a Mile
apart, and skirted in various places with lofty Pines
and other Timber, when we had walked near 10 Miles
we entered a very fine wood, in which there were some
of the largest Pines I had seen. We measured one which
was more than 30 feet in girth and probably not less
than 100 feet in height without a branch, it appeared
to be nearly the same thickness at the top as at the
bottom, while passing thro' this Wood we met with a