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Since I wrote in January last  
We have been under the necessity of shifting to Tiffoonah, altho  
much against my will. When we came first to the Bay of Islands  
it was by the particular request of Willmorden that we settled at  
Tiffoonah we saw the inconvenience of it and objected to it very  
much, but he persisted in it so strongly which induced us to  
comply with his desires. Knowing it was the Society's particular  
request that we should cultivate land and endeavour to  
support ourselves as soon as possible, and seeing we were entirely  
prevented from doing any thing of this kind at Tiffoonah, on  
account of the steepness of the hills and the shallowness of the  
soil, and after Suaterra died we had no more protection there  
than at any other place, which <sup>made</sup> us come to a determination  
to remove to the Vythargee before we built our houses or settled  
ourselves, accordingly I went with the Surgeon and left my family  
at Tiffoonah, and underwent a great deal of hard labour in cold  
and wet and uncomfortable nights untill I cleared the situation  
and built a house, and then we shifted thither in the beginning  
of September 1815, and in the January following I reaped both  
wheat and barley in great perfection, I had my garden in such  
a flourishing state and so well stored with kitchen vegetables in  
great perfection that I have no doubt but we could <sup>have</sup> had a good  
supply all the year round, I employed a great number of  
natives, constantly some felling and others clearing ground  
I cleared two acres of pine land for wheat, that before stood as thick  
with brush as it could stand, I would have grown more wheat  
this year than we could have used entirely by the labour of the  
natives under my direction, I kept three or four of them in my  
house constantly and let them sleep in the kitchen. I had begun  
to teach some of them to saw Timber and they offered very