

employed in cultivation, as the land is  
generally free from timber, excepting small  
brushwood and fern, which can, with little  
trouble, be cut down and burnt off.

Sept. 20, 1819. — A number of Natives arrived,  
at a very early hour, from remote districts;  
some 20 and others 50 miles distant. They  
were ready to tear us to pieces for hoes and  
axes. One of them said his heart would  
burst, if he did not get a hoe. We are  
worned with their importunities; and  
exceedingly distressed that our means are  
so small, as to put it totally out of  
our power to meet with their wants at  
the present time.

I told many of them, this morning, that  
I had written to England for a great  
number; and, as soon as the ship arrived,  
they should have some given them. They  
replied, that many of them would be in