

The stream of water, which descends from the hills, till I met with a fine situation for a watermill, where the natural fall appeared to be not less 20 feet; which at a future period, may be of incalculable service in grinding grain, when the growing of corn is generally introduced among the inhabitants.

The inhabitants of this valley appear to live in peace and plenty, and quietly to enjoy the fruits of their industry. Whether their security depends on the strength of their Tribe, or their secluded situation I cannot tell.

The Chief presented us with two large fat hogs, each about 200 ^{lbs} weight, & also many Cwt. of potatoes.

There was nothing but feasting and rejoicing all this and the following day, till we took our departure. There was more than 200 baskets of potatoes cooked at one time, I had never seen such heaps of sweet & and common potatoes before. A certain number of baskets are dressed for every Chief, his Friends and his Servants; and every party sits in a circle round their provisions, by themselves when they eat.

After feasting, dancing and conversing all day in the evening, before they retired to rest, the cooks heated their ovens on the ground, in which they put pork, potatoes, greens, all in heaps, in large quantities sufficient for 200 or 300 persons; and covered them up, leaving them till morning to roast.

Oct. 6, 1819. — At the early dawn, the New Zealanders were up. The cooks opened their ovens, and served all with their respective portions.

The Chief of this tribe appeared to be a very mild man. He expressed an ardent desire for some