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Water in its Course through the Rocks and all
the Stone in the Creek is hard as flint. Spec-
imens of which I also brought away,

Before I left this Valley for the West
I took a firestick into a Shed where our Boxes
and Provisions were, laid a little Gunstone
upon it to see what effect the fire would
have, as soon as the Chups saw the Smoke
they were all dreadfully alarmed and called
 aloud to me to take care the fire out of the
Shed, I asked why they were so afraid they
replied that their God would kill them all
for there were Provisions in our Boxes in the Shed
and if fire was heaped into the Shed where there
were Provisions they would all die, To allay
their fears I threw the fire sticks down and then
endeavored to convince them that all their fears
were groundless, that their Tabooing of these
Provisions the Vids out of which they eat their
houses & was all a delusion that there was no
such things in Europe, and that I was not a
fool to eat any thing nor to sleep in any
house nor to have fire and Provisions in the
same house,

They said if they did not pay very particular
attention to all that their Priests told them they would
die, if they went to Battle, and neglected any ceremony
relative to their food, & and as they only trusted them
they would die immediately, but if they observed the