

mands wood, water, and good Land, wood for the purpose of building water for domestic use, and a mill if necessary, and land for cultivation. There is also grass upon an extensive plain for Cattle.

A circumstance occurred to-day which annoyed me very much. Lieut Mc Crae Mr Clark and myself had agreed to visit a hot spring about 3 miles distant from the Settlement and several of the Natives were to accompany us. A European who had been transported to Port Jackson, a Gardener by profession, had come over in the Dromedary to collect seeds and plants; for this purpose he left the Dromedary with us, as he would have an opportunity in our tour to add to his collection, in passing thro the woods and forests which had never been visited by any European. He set off with us to the hot spring. In our way we past several potatoe fields where the people were at work. One of the Chiefs called to me as we passed along I turned out of the path to speak to him, while the rest of the party walked on. The Gardener took this opportunity unobserved by me to skulk behind; after I had left the chief and walked on a little distance after the party who had got now ahead, I heard a great noise behind me and turning round saw some of the Natives running after me, and calling aloud for me to return which I immediately did.