

upon consulting with the members. some proposed³
one. some another station. here we were obliged
to explore for ourselves. The first place we
went to was a beautiful situation. on the bank
of a fine river. upon approaching it we were
struck with the appearance of vast numbers
of wild duck, as we then thought. which had
been reported to be in this quarter. but upon
drawing nearer we discovered that it was
a considerable quantity of children. in the
water collecting cockles - and upon landing
we were surrounded by great numbers.

The place was a very desirable one. but
was afterwards objected to on account of there
not being any stated Chiefs - and the natives
being disposed to plunder.

After much consultation with different
Chiefs upon the subject - Mr. Marsden and myself
went again. to another district. but close to the
former place. under a Chief of great authority. but
absent at the war - he was well known to Mr.
having been at Parramatta. The spot was in every
respect desirable. having several acres upon
a flat. and surrounded by high hills. and
children in every direction.

Having concluded these steps. we im-
mediately proceeded to land the stores &c.
the weather was much against us. raining
and blowing nearly the whole time. and no
place to deposit them. however by the assistance
of Mr. Butler. Mr. Hale and Mr. King - we had a
stone-walled round in one day. in which we
collected all the property. here Mr. Lamborn
and myself took our station at night under
a tarpawling. and reposed as quietly as ever
we had done. and altho the wall was but
eight foot high and no covering. yet none
attempted to disturb us. or anything belong to
us. The natives always retired at sunset
and returned at daylight. and manifested
every disposition to serve us. but always looked

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