Journal and correspondence of Charles Throsby respecting his expeditions to Bathurst and Jarvis Bay to 20 May 1818

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Left the Water Mill Saturday April 25 1818
Went down the Edge by the Side of Weny Creek
good grass on Water all the Way about 12 o Clock in
the Day Past over Weny Creek about 10 Miles Down
Discovered the track of a Man fresh on the Beach
the Native Man who was with us Shouted and we
heard a faint voice of a Man who was Lost we
desired him to come down to us he said he was not
able to walk towards us gave him some refreshment
he took him from Thence to the Branch and directed
him to his Masters he said he had been lost for 6 Days
had nothing to eat he stated his Name it was Ray
he was Servant to Mr Churchill at Sackville Beach
he slept with that night and we gave him some refreshment
in the Morning an Resolution to take with him.

Sunday 26.
Cross from the S side of the Branch to the N and ascended on
the Hill on the Side all the Way good grass on
water all the Way.

Monday 27.
On the Same Hill good Grass on Water the Road
at a Hanging level all the Water Gully falling in to the Lower
Brand on the Right all on the Left to the Upper Brand.
fell in to the flats of Melon about three OClock PM. Three Mile down an Camp this Night. Tuesday 29.

continued through the flats of Melon which was good gras. Water on the side of the flats the flats from E to W wide. Declining to the Westward No Trees to Speak of. Camp through.

Got into a Place called Wednesday 30. about 1/2 OClock an spent the rest of that day looking out for Hill that would lead to West, but failing went along the flat the remainder of the Day. Good Land about two Miles wide with Burnt Running through it from North to South. Said by the Natives to fall in the Upper Branch. Good Gras. Walked in the Upper Part of this Place this Night.

Thursday 30.

Discovered Hill that led to the Northward on Westward. Supposing this to be a Good Hill we ascended & found that car mips come up good Gras all the Way we were compelled to go up this Hill upon Account of Gullys to the Westward of us. Walked this Night and found good Water.

Friday May 1 on the same Hill continued in the same manner. Gullys falling in Eastward one to the Westward very high Rocks and deep Gullys to the Westward of us which made us decline more.

Saturday May 2 The Hills General Course was N 20 W keep on the same. Good Gras & Water all the Way. Halted this Night on the Hill.
Still on the same Hill found a Stone on the top and a very good Walking on the Side of the Hill this Day Saw the Sugar Loaf Bearing S 30 W Tho Deep Gullies to get Water to the Westward Halted this Night on the Hill.

Tuesday 5th Still on the same Hill very strong Cattle may go along the Sides the Gullies on the North run into the town Branch an the South into the upper Branch saw the Sugar Loaf Bearing S 30 W The Bush on Ores got so very thick that we could hardly get through it in the front of us a very high Mountain the highest view we ever saw Bearing N of the Sugar Loaf Gully to the Westward to get Water Halted this Night almost dark Disturbed by the noise of Notches cracking of Sticks on Rolling Bogs rocks Stones down towards us every one of us arose in fear from the fire securing ourselves behind trees with our guns an ammunition when we could have a view of the fire doubting if we stood by the fire very Man was lost except the Waste of the
Night in such condition. Rainy. Very hard. The Nation when we had with us was told that any of us saying so he was sure he should be killed of.

Wednesday 6

Arose in the morning and shaped our course on the same hill about 10 o'clock fell in with a party of two hundred and twenty men who had never seen a white man before except one by the name of Newby who could speak a little English. The whole of being clothed with blankets furnished with a great quantity of spears through the means of the Nation we had with us we got Newby on our voyage to advance closer to us. He said that he had been our native and we inquired if we could go to the Westward. He informed us it was impossible as it was very rocky and no water to be got. That way they asked us our business, we told them that we wanted to go to Batavia or to find good land they pointed to the North-Eastward saying we go there in two days where there was a large river so large they could not swim over it. Saying they could not think it which we suppose by that means it was salt water to our Nation to asked them which...
Brigadier-General.

As soon as I shall have the honour of seeing you,

I remain, Sir, your most obedient servant,

[Signature]

[Date]
Journal of a Party

to the

Northward and Westward

Rev. J. M. Littell

on 25 May 1818

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