

We pushed on to Brown's bridge, why so called I know not for no water or bridge is there, we left Glemmark, old Moore's place on our right, he has a freehold of 60,000 acres purchased when land was only \$5/10p per acre, he has fenced in a large quantity with wire fencing, & several large paddocks broken up & cropped. The accommodation house at Brown's bridge is kept by Binley late of the Shearers Arms Hotel, there are a gang of men making two cuttings, where there used to be two paddocks & two swamps at B. Bridge, about a half mile on we stopped, & refreshed both man & beast, made a fire of some drift wood out of the kowai & boiled some tea & fried some beef steaks, & there we sat under nature's canopy upon nature's carpet, & enjoyed our meal as well as any Lord of the land. on we went again up a rich valley, hills on the N. & S. sides, splendid country, here & there a lagoon, a shepherd's hut to the east, & a station homestead on the low downs to the west, we are getting into a region of squatters. Crossed the Wai-para just above the junction, of Weka creek with the Wai-para, very steep steep terraces on each side, steep cuttings made on each side, the main stream ^{rough} large boulders, the others very soft loose small shingle, crossed the Wai-para flat, a stony poor piece of country, the hills look barren for no bush

or even scrub is to be seen, we arrived at the Weka pass (so named I suppose because the Weka or woodhoop abounded in it,) at Mr. Henry's Accommodation House, about a mile in the pass, we crossed the Weka creek by steep cuttings down to & up, ^{rough} steep road round, cuttings made on the worst sidings, very pulling, we passed the house about 300 yds from ^{the} house, to a sheltered nook where we pulled up & prepared to camp, fed the horses & commenced ^{up} packing, the tent raining very camping under difficulties it getting dark fast. We boiled some tea, fried some bacon, & got our tea, we then agreed to return with the horses to sleep at the house, I stabled the horses, & was soon fast asleep in a comfortable bed. ~~myself~~.

Sept 13 Sunday, fine S.W. up early, took the horses down to the camp, & cooked our breakfast. After B. fast we looked about a little, Henry has a nice place, the 'Old House' is a roomy place, there is a new one facing S. nice veranda in front, open on to the garden, a lean-to at the back, fitted up with comfortable bed rooms, two beds in a room. They are building a limestone cook house the limestone makes a fine looking building, beautiful white, a stock yard cow shed & stable, a grass paddock fenced in at the back, a large piece ploughed up now