

midst of these dreary glaciers, quite a relief, to the right  
we have a nice garden, & plantations of Apples & Str. a fine  
House, veranda on the N. & W. sides, out houses, at  
the back, yards & small paddock, a sheep yard far  
away on a Hill to the east of the house near a  
mile. This station stands on the Dairiki, a good ford  
over it, away some three miles to the right, His Home  
bush station a pretty place, for a small piece of bush  
is a relief amongst Hills void of bush. they have about  
3 hundred acres fenced in, sod fence & posted rails  
Hilly, the House & out buildings stand on a flat  
near the foot. very stony land between the Dairiki  
& the Waikidi, very rough road after we entered  
the vale of the Nidi on our left towered a lofty,  
thunder splintered, Hill, steep precipice on this side  
down its sides & near the foot, lies numerous blocks  
of all sizes & shapes, of a dark volcanic rock. we had  
to cross the Waikidi twice & a branch of it, near Pargers  
station ~~then~~ situated about about 2 1/2 miles up the vale  
in a small sheltered gully, a small patch of bush at the  
back, a snug place, a new wool shed & yards on the flat  
in front, we had some very steep terraces to go up &  
down, the river by eight large boulders, shake the

cars & horses about fearfully, we crossed the river the  
second time just opposite the clay, to the N. of the clay,  
on the opposite side of the river, lies Knight's Promestead  
just at the foot of a Hill in a rich gully, & a very  
rich flat in front of the House, boggy now, but plenty  
of fall for draining,  
raining, we reached our destination about 4 P.M. never  
tasting a mouthful of food from the time we left  
Giggis about 22 miles from Giggis, we camped in an old  
hut, put up by the party who commenced to work the  
good coal deposits just in front. but could not make  
it answer, they made two drives one at the foot of the  
Hill & one higher up about twenty feet on the face  
of the Hill, it being so far from Otter, the carriage  
made it dearer than the imported coal, so they had  
to quit it. Since their departure the rats have taken  
up their abode in the dwelling, & leave traces of their  
rampant work throughout the place. after tea, we turned  
some of the horses adrift, tethered & propped 2 of them  
after we had greased the carts, we went in & ~~stayed~~  
over the fire, & chatted a bit, came out to look at  
the horses, he looks turned one of his horses adrift. he  
was in worse case than he sat to galloping about