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and then follow up the track until we found them. The party started under the leadership of Mr. D'Arcy & after travelling several miles Mr. Anderson & I were convinced that we were going in a wrong direction. We spoke to several of the others about this & advised a change of route but Mr. D'Arcy being a surveyor was supposed to know best so Mr. Anderson & I decided to separate from the others & keep a little more to the right as we were convinced that Mr. D'Arcy was keeping too much to the eastward. After leaving the party we soon came upon a well marked dray track and knowing that no other dray had travelled in that part of the country before we were sure that it was that of Mr. D'Arcy's men & dray so we followed up the track & were not very long before we came upon the men. They had pitched their tents on the bank of a creek which they were afraid to cross with the dray for fear of getting it bogged & which creek was afterwards called Williamson's creek. The men had prepared some dinner for our party expecting we would make our appearance about noon & Mr. Anderson & I after doing justice to a leg of mutton some tea & Panter walked out in the direction where we expected the others to appear & after some two or three hours we met them following up the dray track as we had done before Mr. Fisher & Mr. Thomas Learmonth despairing of finding the men with the dray that evening had ridden off for Mr. Anderson's station near Russell's bridge, the place we started from two days previously. I afterwards heard they got to the station about sunset very tired & quite faint from wanting food for such a length of time. After we had reassembled at Mr. D'Arcy's tent in
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