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the evening there was a good deal of conversation as to the duties of the individuals of a party such as ours during an excursion of this nature the general tenor of which was that the party ought to keep together under all circumstances & hints were thrown out against the procedure of Mr^r Anderson & myself in leaving the party as we did. On the following morning being anxious to get home I left the others and followed down the course of the river Leigh, cutting off the bends and heading the creeks that ran into that river from the eastward. I passed through the country afterwards known as Bargarie & crossed the Bargarie creek near the spot which was afterwards occupied by Mr^r George F. Reid as his homestead & travelling down the valley of the Leigh which was occupied by the Clyde Company, I reached Mr^r Apille's station at Mr^r Warpholue the same evening after I left the party at Williamson's creek they went one or two days journey following up the Leigh & exploring the country about Winters Freehold & Ballarat.

Mr. William Lewis of Stoneleigh, N. Zealand
made the ~~above~~ copy of Mr. Geo. Russell's account
of the first visit to Mr. Dunnington, and gave the copy
to Mr. Thomas Bath, of Beaumont, and the above
copy is from Mr. Bath's copy.

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