

River a good space frisks deep Ravines and
Gullies to interfere as little as possible with our
work - how unfortunate it is that we are now
arrived at that part of the Forest where we can
make good progress and are obliged to stop for
want of meat and other articles as I expect we
shall for there appears to be no alternative but
for me to send my boat at once to Lancaster

The day mild and pleasant I think Jacob might
have proceeded a few miles this afternoon

We have now completed the Road to a mile beyond
our present Camp as far as a remarkably large
Stringy Bark Tree measuring upwards of 60 feet in
circumference at 4 feet above the ground it stands on the
left hand side of the road

Saturday Augth 11

Cloudy morning mild air the wind appears
to come from N and we think the whale boat
must arrive to night

Went out with all the Roadmen and kept
them hard at work all day, we this day made
upwards of 300 yds beyond the 60 feet tree ment^d
above had some enormous logs to roll out
of the way I found the Carving (Dog) a great
apertiance in taking the weight off the shoulders
of those who used the logs



The whole of our ground to day has been a gentle
acclivity we distinctly heard the roar of the Sea which
the Easterly wind brought far into the Forest

We left off in a complete Grove of Fern Trees they
appear like those trimmed evergreens which thereby
have grown so close as to be impervious to the light and
on their tops issue forth magnificent leaves resembling
ostrich feathers sized green or brown (if decayed) caught
one of those curious spiders with claws which I brought
to the tent to preserve if possible - found Pepper trees
on the Hill we are now ascending
Wet day - it rains every day now