

wet fern under me but I must get some dry fern
as soon as I can

Having prepared for action the men to day
were employed in cutting through some large logs
which lay across the Road between the Camp and
the Creek and excavating such parts as were
too bad for travelling upon I assisted them
the whole day and kept them at work having
sent Fred K down to the old Camp to take the
Boat as high up the ^{old} Creek as he could at the
time of high water which was to day at noon
Fred K returned in the aft. 10³⁰ saying they
was just as we had left it - he afterwards
put new bundles to the Mamel & Axes

The Mens Huts did not answer to be placed
all together because of the wet morning down
between each they have therefore now placed
them separately and our Camp appears
like a little village but more like some town
than any other place



We descended to day the abode of the Rats
they inhabit the hollow trunks of trees
which are rotting on the ground they scurried
out 4 & 5 at a time while the men were at work
We found some very large centipedes & black headed
beetles with a sort of grasshopper legs they skipped
about at a great rate

The soil here is a reddish loam of a good
consistence below but very fat upon the surface
and about 3 feet deep it is filled with lumps of
a kind of Whin Stone - Dripping Weather very wet
evening again.

Sketch of the Camp in the Gully at the Cascade Creek

Containing

The 3 Huts & Tent

Dogs House

Men at work clearing

Road

Jones cooking

Clothes drying or smoking

and the 2 Kangaroo Dogs

Paddy & Mattie