

ple to cultivate more land, and to increase his stock of provender for more cattle, and also to afford the better to pay the price of labour to the poor man.

Thursday 17th Octr. Quit Sherbrooke for Melbourne and arrived there this night, putting up at Elliott's at 12s. 6d. per week, an Inn about a mile this side the village.

Two or three miles from Sherbrooke stopt at an Inn; the landlord was ploughing a hill on his farm which appeared very sandy. I observed to him it was very light soil for wheat, but supposed it would give good Oats; he said he had raised nigh 20 bushels of Wheat to an acre in it, and was to sow wheat next spring; In a very productive season this might be the case. when the land is well supplied with rains, any soil will produce, if these showers be continued during the season of growth; but the advantage arising from stronglands is, that they retain the rains in case of drought.

The Country from Sherbrooke to a few miles this side Melbourne appears more sandy than I have met with from Montreal and the timber accordingly is mostly soft wood, spruce, fir, &c.

Friday 18th Octr. Walked to Capt. Aylmer's farm, a relation of the late Governor General of the Canadas. The Capt. told me he had 500 acres land here and appears to be (like my friend Capt. Crispo's son of Compton) taking the true way to succeed in farming in this Country, attending to the working and management of his farm himself; he observed he did not approve of looking for those comforts or luxuries which people may have been accustomed to in England until

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