to the cultivation of wheat, Indian corn or maize, and cotton is all in this respect that ought to be desired; and such soils are found in places possessing every advantage of good water, with a dry and pure atmosphere. Wheat and Indian corn are the best articles of food, and the soils that produce them are fit also for various other grains and vegetables useful for food and of easy culture; especially the sweet potatoe and various kinds of pulse, which thrive well in hot climates. As an object of tillage, with a view to exportation, cotton is by far the best, because it thrives well in high and healthy situations, of a light soil, may be cultivated to advantage on small farms, and requires little labour which cannot be performed by women & children.

Attention should also be paid to suitable streams for the erection of grist mills, saw-mills, and other water-

works

works, which will be almost indispensable to the colony in its infant state, and of great utility at a more advanced period. Fortunately such streams abound most in the countries best adapted in other respects to agricultural settlements.

The character condition & disposition of the natives will also require very particular attention; it being of the greatest importance to gain & preserve their good will, so as to cultivate and cement a free & friendly intercourse with them, obtain from them assistance and supplies, and gradually communicate to them the knowledge and habits of civilized life. For this essential purpose we should not only avoid the neighbourhood of fierce & warlike tribes, but that of very large and powerful tribes, who will be much more unmanageable and dangerous than small

ones.