

## Sheepding

when i was there and in 5 months after  
the shep would be led the sun was  
nearly down i did not know when  
that i should get out of the swamp  
so i thought that i would holler and  
see if eney one would hear me i did  
so and had the pleasure to hear the  
answer and soon after i got onto dry  
land once more the man that  
heard me holler was out trying to  
hetch a horse he belong to the station  
that i was going to he told me  
the narrow chance i had run with  
the snakes he saged one of the  
Blacks would not go where i had been  
for eney more i went to  
the house and told my yam  
they wear all surprised that i  
got through without being biten  
by the snakes the next day the  
drays came and a few days after  
i had to take 25 hundred sheep for  
to shepherd and go to and out station  
20 miles from the head station with  
one months provision and an old man  
as hat keeper and watch man when  
i got to the old hat that was to be  
our futal resedent we found that it  
was sadly out of repare some of the  
roof having blown of after putting  
the sheep in the yade it being late  
in the day i repared the hat while  
my friend got the super redcy i  
stayed a month when our provisions  
came out to us and the overseey came  
and counted my sheep told me that  
i had lost 30 sheep and to mind not  
to lose eney more then he told  
me of the dutch man that came  
up the country with me he had  
lost 15 hundred by getting to sleep

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after he found out he had lost his sheep  
he stopt it for melbourn after the  
oversee went i began to think that if i  
stayed much longer that i would have no  
sheep left and one fine morning before the  
hat keeper waked me and my dog nelson left  
and went for a walk i traveld to the Edward  
river and cross it then recross it and took the  
road for the murey 40 miles father up than  
where i had been living at night i called  
at eney hat and got a night logins and  
something to eat with out eney expense that  
being the parson of the country i got  
on pretty well i cross the murey river and  
took the road for the sparby river wear i  
got a job as hat keeper i stayed there  
a short time and got a gun and sold my  
dog got a barkaroo dog i had hired for  
a year so i had to run away to get away  
me and one of the shepherds thought we  
could do better a hunting than shepherding  
and one night we left and went across  
across the country to the coars river to  
hunt after getting to the golbourn river  
i alterd my mind and began to  
think i had been long enough on shore  
for one spell i left my dog with my  
friend he had got a job shepherding  
on the golbourn i sold my gun  
then took the road for melbourn  
in 3 days i arrived there and stayed  
enough i can tell you the next  
morning i shipped on board of a  
schonar and bid good by to shepherding  
as it is a fine country and  
a man could travel all over it without  
Expense for all shepherds and all the  
people in the country made it a  
rule to give the traveler a good  
welcome but that was before the gold  
was found out that alterd the rule