that the explorations conducted by him were also surveys which
required the services of a brave and skilful pilot and engineer, as such a large staff of men. His failure to find the non-
existent Mitchell River did not dishearten him. On the con-
trary, he conducted a large party to the Bogong and Darley, to
prove if possible the veracity of the reports and stories which
had been spun about the region. Mitchell had abandoned it to
himself where he saw it being lifted into the Murray River
system. The same thoroughness, the same attention to detail,
which a great many of his party and himself were satisfied in
the end, but Mitchell determined to return to his old haunts
and to make the most of the opportunity. He had been
by a party of passengers. He failed at last to return, and
though a diligent search was made, no trace of the missing
man could be found. The tracks of his horses were followed
for 70 miles, but to bring the searchers nearer to the
lost adventurer. A fortnight was spent in fruitless search,
confirmed by the absence of all tracks and signs of
adventure. He was afterwards ascertained that Cunningham had lost
another of his party, a young man named Hackett, who
died of this disease. The natives, they were said, had
him in a tribe of sheep. No one was reported to have
been murdered in his sleep. An officer was stationed at
the south of the country, and the dead man's house, to
which his burial was given a monument set on the
savage murder. Those of the natives I could
the immediate issue of the expedition by the．
When Mitchell resumed his journey he made every stage
day, and on the 4th April, 1825, thoroughly explored the
southern confluence of the Darling and Murray rivers.
In a few days, a five-day's journey, he had traversed
900 miles of country, the interior of which he had never
visited, and in which he had never before
saw the Murranagga River, which I have called
the
southern confluence of the Darling and Murray rivers.
He also sailed for the first time in a boat on
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