

Ms. paper.

The Murray River
is a ~~great~~ great ~~river~~ river

~~The Murray is a noble
South Australia's noble river~~

~~When I received to come & camp on the
banks of S. A's. Noble river - a river of "drinking
water" all along its course - I was so sure of
finding a little native group ~~living~~ here & there
on its banks - that ~~no~~ ^{no} inquiries were made
as to the possibility besides those members
of ~~the~~ "whites" sit down" & learn of their habits
& customs. ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~inquired~~ ^{inquired} as to~~

~~His life on the Murray is not so abundant
as ~~some~~ ^{some} ~~general~~ ^{general} ~~fresh~~ ^{fresh} ~~waterway~~ ^{waterway} shores possess.~~

The Murray River today from end to end of
its great long winding trail ~~from~~ ^{from} S. Victoria
begins ^{as} ^{the} ^{edge} ^{of} ^{the} ^{Indi} ⁱⁿ ^{S. Victoria,} &
~~following~~ ^{following} ^{its} ^{place} ^{course} ^{through}
through three States, ~~also~~ ^{also} ~~draining~~ ^{draining} ^{off}
claiming tribute from ^{the} fourth ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~west~~ ^{west} ~~when~~
the flood waters of the Warrego & Paroo ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~been~~ ^{been}
has lost - for ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~now~~ ^{now} ~~only~~ ^{only} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~remains~~ ^{remains} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~its~~ ^{its} ~~former~~ ^{former} ~~glory~~ ^{glory}
of wild life - the ~~Indi~~ ^{Indi} ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~absolutely~~ ^{absolutely} ~~gone~~ ^{gone}
from ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Murray~~ ^{Murray} ~~River~~ ^{River} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~west~~ ^{west}
So completely has he disappeared & ~~there~~ ^{there} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~no~~ ^{no} ~~trace~~ ^{trace} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~his~~ ^{his} ~~occupancy~~ ^{occupancy} ~~from~~ ^{from}
the river, ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~one~~ ^{one} ~~can~~ ^{can} ~~find~~ ^{find} ~~any~~ ^{any} ~~trace~~ ^{trace} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~his~~ ^{his} ~~presence~~ ^{presence} ~~there~~ ^{there} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~a~~ ^a
~~single~~ ^{single} ~~vestige~~ ^{vestige} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~existence~~ ^{existence} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~his~~ ^{his} ~~tribe~~ ^{tribe}.

Great length, but...

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group ownership of the area along its ^{all} ~~bank~~
~~the~~ ~~Samuelson~~ & ~~Orcharo~~ have replaced his of
 Campsites, ~~destroyed~~ ~~the~~ ~~useless~~ ~~scrub~~ ~~that~~
 his native grass ~~the~~ edible seeds roots & fruits
 have been ploughed up to make way for the
^{grain} wheat & oats & barley of the white man. His
 great food enemy Kangaroo & other large
 game ~~has~~ ^{have} ~~been~~ ~~tracked~~ in diminishing numbers
~~to other areas~~ & to other areas, seeking food
 & grass to outback places. ~~fences~~
~~however~~. Fences became restrictions upon
 his freedom of movement & before he
 realized what was happening to him
 he himself was fenced ^{out of his camp} ~~see~~ ~~for~~ ~~ever~~

Kivci Native's Hill Native - Seacoast

K Place & groups were always at variance
 with each other ^{every} ~~each~~ Murray group
 was ^{a faction in itself & was} ~~at~~ ~~its~~ ~~own~~ ~~with~~ its neighbouring group.
 Fierce battles were fought at times as many
 axes battle ground ^{on the former camp} ~~to~~ ~~test~~ ~~in~~ ~~broken~~
 skulls & shattered bones ^{part of the} ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~ancient~~
 The high Murray banks ^{over} ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~old~~ ~~sea~~ ~~bed~~
^{every} ~~part~~ ~~of~~ ~~its~~ ~~old~~ ~~ly~~ ~~ancient~~ ~~bank~~ ~~is~~ ~~full~~ ~~of~~ ~~fragments~~ ~~of~~ ~~ancient~~ ~~implements~~
 were found in native ~~implements~~ ~~such~~ ~~as~~ ~~flints~~
 spears, ~~knives~~, ~~pipes~~, ~~chisels~~ & other native
~~implements~~ ^{objects} ~~which~~ ~~had~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~used~~
~~for~~ ~~food~~ ~~and~~ ~~other~~ ~~requirements~~, ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~
~~of~~ ~~found~~ ~~are~~ ~~was~~ ~~and~~ ~~was~~ ~~a~~ ~~sea~~ ~~pebble~~
 as it originally came from ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~west~~
 far north of Australia. The flints discovered
 here & there on the Papas banks ~~had~~
~~been~~ were chipped pre-chipped & before

harder up counterparts 3 arrows (and) rounded
other comes to barter. The upper & net bar
millstones came from a jar of ^{district} ~~district~~
either Wh or Victoria, a perfect ^{in the bed} ~~perfect~~
were valuable commodities brought from
long distances inland.

Each group has its ^{specific} ~~specific~~ ^{Intemic} ~~Intemic~~ ^{place} ~~place~~ &
bartered its fish for the much needed
flint & ^{other} ~~other~~ ^{supplies} ~~supplies~~ -
River food, ^{codfish} ~~codfish~~, mussels, ducks, ~~fallacant~~.
Swan, etc. were objects of barter with the inland
visitors.

To me familiar with ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{aboriginal} ~~aboriginal ^{group} ~~group~~ ^{life} ~~life
in all its aspects it is sad to see
visit. What is now only the grave yard of this
race visible, people. Each grave pit along
the high banks was a burying place. In
the these. Skulls & bones are of sea, dug up
with the fine seaweed graves that make
such good roads & ^{Excise} ~~Excise~~ ^{Courts} ~~Courts~~ ^{to} ~~to~~~~~~

What did that young native dead. Whose skull
is so young & fine & strong. Two ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~the ^{teeth} ~~teeth
were removed, evidenced by the insertion of a
piece of wood or bone for the socket. ^{These} ~~These~~
Remarks of ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{other} ~~other~~ ^{kind} ~~kind~~~~~~

Kind, ³ ~~3~~ ^{specimens} ~~specimens~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{skulls} ~~skulls~~ [&] ~~&~~ ^{bones} ~~bones [&] ~~&~~ ^a ~~a ^{few} ~~few ^{pieces} ~~pieces
of the same ^{kind} ~~kind~~ ^{superior} ~~superior ^{flint} ~~flint~~ ^{the} ~~the ^{barter} ~~barter
upper & netter millstones, ^{at} ~~at~~ ^{the} ~~the ^{same} ~~same ^{place} ~~place~~
- many ^{kind} ~~kind~~ ^{just} ~~just ^{found} ~~found~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{same} ~~same~~ ^{place} ~~place~~
Traces of the white pipeclay that had been found
within it, a poorly made ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{shell} ~~shell~~ ^{ground} ~~ground~~ ^{as} ~~as~~ ^a ~~a ^{barber's} ~~barber's~~
stone, & a very inferior ^{upper} ~~upper~~ ^{millstone} ~~millstone
~~upper~~ ^{upper} ^{millstone} [&] ^{found} ^{with} ^{the} ^{other}~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

plenty ~~of~~ ^{here} ~~of~~ ^{here}
on the hill, ^{bank} opposite of Kattarakto Creek

A sudden wish to meet & talk with
a Murray River Native, a belief that since
a great-voice of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~drinking~~ ^{drinking} water
must have a little group in a way back
area - said me down to a little way back
cistern. with two - notebook blank
vocabulary & small map of S. A; portion
of the Murray River & help in locating the
various groups ~~part~~ ^{getting} of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~names~~ ^{names} of each
group - the food - game - customs
ceremonies that come to remember.