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1. The many variations in the physical characteristics and
general contour of the country are not only recognised but
expressed, amongst the generic terms thus met with being those
indicative of island, sea, beach, mainland, river, swamp, forest,
1 desert plain, precipice, mountain, etc. Each tract of country
is specialised by the people traversing, occupying, or hunting
over it, and hence, as often happens, may be called by different
names. Barrow Point, for instance, is known to the local blacks
as E-polin, to the Starcke River ones as Mo-yir, and to the
natives of the Normanby and Deighton Rivers as Par-cham-
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moka. On the other hand, there are certain large tracts to
which a single name is applied, but in these cases any reference
to them is made by Aboriginals speaking a similar language.
The meaning of the actual words so applied to such an area is in
many cases lost, whilst in others it is significatory of some local
peculiarity. Amongst the former may be mentioned an interest-
ing example from a camping ground in the neighbourhood of
Cape Flattery known as Yaborego, from which a present-day

1 Roth.—Ball. 2—Sect. 10.