

Besides inculcating good morals and peace, the priests are inducing the Indians to cultivate the soil, and there was an enclosure of some three or four acres, in which potatoes and beans were growing. The Indians were also cultivating large quantities of potatoes, in a soil fertile and capable of producing every thing. Wild flowers were in abundance, and with strawberry-vines covered the whole surface. The fruit of the latter was large and of fine flavour.

The Sachet tribe are obliged to provide for their defence against the more northern tribes, by whom they are frequently attacked, for the purpose of carrying them off as slaves. For protection against these attacks they have large enclosures, four hundred feet long, and capable of containing many families, which are constructed of pickets made of thick planks, about thirty feet high. The pickets are firmly fixed into the ground, the spaces between them being only sufficient to point a musket through. The appearance of one of these enclosures is formidable, and they may be termed impregnable to any Indian force: for, in the opinion of the officers, it would have required artillery to make a breach in them. *The interior of the enclosure is divided into lodges, and has all the aspect of a fortress.*

*Upon the whole, the tribe inhabiting Penn's Cove are more advanced than any others in civilization.*

The only spring found here was one of a mineral character, forming a deposition on every thing around.

On the main, there is much good land.

Near the harbour of Port Gardner, a fine stream empties itself into Possession Sound, by four mouths. The water was not found to be sufficiently deep in any of these to admit boats at low water, in consequence of a bar or flat extending across the mouths.

Here they were surrounded by many canoes, containing Indians from the various tribes to the southward, whom they had before seen. The dress of the Sachet does not vary much from that of the other tribes, and generally consists of a single blanket, fastened with a wooden pin around the neck and shoulders. Those who are not able to purchase blankets wear leathern hunting-shirts, fringed in part with beads or shells, and very few are seen with leggins. The women ornament themselves with small brass bells, or other trinkets. The cartilage of the nose is also perforated, and pieces of polished bone or wood passed through it. Although the dress of these natives would seem to offer some concealment to the body, few are seen that wear it with any kind of decency. Their persons are usually very filthy, and they may be said to be at all times coated with dirt. They are fond of wearing brass rings on their wrists and fingers, and a few are seen to be tattooed