three different times affected by epidemic diseases. In the district referred to there are at this time over five thousand (5000) Indians and while the tribes lower down the Sound are increasing as appears by the number of children, others in more intimate connection with the whites have greatly fallen off, and some are nearly extinct. It would seem therefore as if constant fluctuations from natural causes not arising out of the settlement of the country, had existed among them from an early time, and the inference would be that their total numbers had never greatly exceeded that which they have reached since the discovery. Too great stress is not to be laid upon the assertion of the Indians themselves, that they were once a great many, for their ideas of number are vague at the best, and the recollection of any former mortality, would probably be exaggerated, while the after increase would be disregarded. I should consider a population of eight thousand (8000) for the tribes within the straits of Fuca, as the utmost which they have ever reached. Mr. Finlayson, a gentleman of the Hudsons Bay Co. made a count of the Clallams in 1845. and ascertained their then numbers at 1.760. Taking this as their maximum at any one time, the total number of Indians in this territory, west of the Cascade mountains, due