generally taken by the assembly, to consider the matter in hand before a final action is decided

The feasts at which their principal consultations generally take place, will be mentioned hereafter. They are given by some leading chief, or such man who takes the office upon himself, with a view of bringing himself conspicuously before the public.

Property.

As far as I can gather the views of the Sound tribes, they recognize no individual right to land except actual occupancy. This seems to be respected to the extent that if a man has cleared a spot for cultivation, he can hold it on the return of the season for planting, from year to year as long as he sees fit. So in their villages, the site of a house pertains to the individual, as long as he leaves any vestige or evidence of a building on it

Among the Chinooks and lower Chihalis the right may have been carried somewhat farther, but uncultivated lands, away from their usual haunts, are but little regarded. Tribes are, however, somewhat tenacious of territorial right, and well understand their respective limits; but this seems to be merely as regards their title, and they have, it is believed, excluded from them other friendly tribes. It would appear, also, that their lands are considered to survive to the last remnant of a tribe, after its existence as such has in fact ceased. There seems to be in some instances