there, are slaves likewise, and the children of a man by his own slaves, are but half free, they do not rank as such. viz. Even if one purchases his own freedom, he is yet looked upon as an inferior. A distinction is to be made as regards women; that, whereas in one sense they are always slaves, or property, yet when a man sells, or pays away his sister or daughter, she, if born of free parents, becomes the wife of the creditor or purchaser, and as such does not follow the rule of distribution; but on the death of her husband, returns to her tribe or family. The number of persons thus held is less upon the Sound, than further north; but probably amounts to one tenth of the population. Many of them belong to distant tribes, and others belonging to these are held elsewhere. The system has been the cause of constant disturbance among themselves as well as of war with their neighbors, for not only were the latter often made for the purpose of obtaining them; but the occasional escape or stealing of slaves created difficulty, and led to retaliation. For these reasons it was thought expedient in the treaties with the Sound tribes to stipulate its abolition.

The life of the slave, was entirely at the disposition of his master or mistress, and it