falling tide, consuming the fish before sun-down &c.
On the ripening of the Salmon berry, however, these
rules were abated, the in-coming of the schools
being by that time rendered certain. The feasts
have of late been discontinued; and the Salmon
dance neglected. In all these respects the Nequal-
lies had the same observances as the Chinooks
To the above are to be added, as a limited resource,
the potato, which is more or less cultivated by all.
The estimate formed by Col. Simmons in 1854. of
the quantity raised by all the Sound tribes was
somewhat over 11,000 bushels of potatoes, no propor-
tion however existing, among the various tribes
of the amount to population. With all these sources
of subsistence, the greater part of which are af-
forded spontaneously by the land or waters, noth-
ing but indolence or want of thrift could lead to
want, among a population even greater than we
have reason to believe, at any time inhabited this
district. But they were at particular seasons un-
doubtedly straightened for food, and much more
formerly, than now. when they obtain assistance
from settlers, in compensation for services. No instan-
ces of cannibalism, have ever occurred to the
knowledge of the whites. To the necessity of seeking
the different articles of food at different times,
is to be attributed chiefly to the constant locomo-
tion of their tribes. Not only do they at one time
frequent the prairies or marshes for roots, at