baskets, bore a very small proportion to the number of sculls and other human bones indiscriminately scattered about the shores, such are the effects; but of the cause or causes that have operated to produce them, we remained totally unacquainted; whether occasioned by epidemic decease or recent wars. The character and general deportment of the few inhabitants we occasionally saw, by no means countenanced the latter opinion; they were uniformly civil and friendly without manifesting the least sign of fear or suspicion at our approach; nor did their appearance indicate their having been much inured to hostilities. Several of their stoutest men had been seen perfectly naked, and contrary to what might have been expected of rude nations habituated to warfare, their skins were mostly unblemished by scars excepting such as the small pox seemed to have occasioned; a decease which there is great reason to believe is very fatal amongst them. It is not however very easy to draw any just conclusions on the true cause from which this havoc of the human race proceeded; this must remain for the investigation of others who may have more leisure, and a better opportunity, to direct such an inquiry; yet it may not be unreasonable to conjecture, that the present apparent depopulation may have arisen in some measure from the inhabitants of this interior part having been induced