to quit their former abode, and to have moved nearer the exterior coast for the convenience of obtaining in the immediate mart, with more ease and at a cheaper rate, those valuable articles of commerce, that within these last years have been brought to the sea coasts of this continent by Europeans and the citizens of America, and which are in great estimation amongst these people being possessed by all in a greater or less degree."

While surveying Admiralty Inlet Vancouver met with further parties of Indians. Of the Suquamish he says "Towards noon I went ashore at the village point (Southern end of Bainbridge Island) for the purpose of observing the latitude; on which occasion I visited the village, if it may be so dignified, as it appeared the most lowly and meanest of its kind. The best of the huts were poor and miserable, constructed something after the fashion of a soldiers tent, by two cross sticks about five feet high, connected at each end by a ridge pole from one to the other, over some of which was thrown a coarse kind of mat; over others a few loose branches of trees, shrubs or grass; none however appeared to be constructed for protecting them either against the heat of summer or the inclemency of winter. In them were hung up to be cured by the smoke of the fire they kept constantly burning,