

height of men, generally above six feet; and the minister asserted that he had often seen them above seven English feet. We had not any personal opportunity to verify this statement, the Indians being only in the habit of visiting this post once a year, to obtain supplies, viz., in the month of March, at which time a vessel usually visits the place.

The few Indians who inhabit the huts or toldos on the opposite side of the river, are converted, and are termed *Indios Mansos*; they are a mixture of all the tribes, and so much changed in habits and dress from their former condition and mode of life, that an accurate idea could not be formed of their natural character. They were none of them above the middle height; their limbs were usually full and well formed; their complexion a brownish copper, with coarse straight black hair, growing very low on the forehead: this is suffered to grow long, and hangs down on both sides of the face, adding much to the wildness of their appearance. Their foreheads are low and narrow towards the top, their eyes small, black, and deep set. Some were observed with their eyes set Chinese-like. The resemblance was somewhat increased by the width of the face, which was a particular characteristic. The nose is usually a little flattened at the root, and wide at the nostrils, the lips full, and the chin not prominent. The expressions of their countenance betoken neither intellect nor vivacity. The men were generally decked out in tawdry finery, partly after the Spanish fashion; the women had only the *chilipa* to cover their nakedness.

Of the *Ancases* very little appears to be known; they live towards the north, speak a peculiar language, and are inferior to the rest in stature.

The *Chilenos* are derived from the western side of the continent, and are predatory bands of the great *Araucanian* nation.

The *Peulches*, including the *Pampas* and *Tehuiliches*, *Falkner*, in his account of this country, describes as inhabiting the portion south of the *Rio de la Plata*, and to the east of the *Cordilleras*; they are scattered over the vast plains of the interior. Those to the north of the *Rio Colorado* are generally known under the name of the *Pampas* Indians; they call themselves *Chechehets*. Those to the south of that river are termed *Tehuiliches*; they inhabit the table-land between the *Cordilleras*, and the desert plains of the coast.

These people are represented as of gigantic stature, and it is said by the residents, that those from the south are generally taller than those from any other part, and Indians are said to have been met with who are distinguished for their gigantic height and well-formed limbs; but this rests on vague authority.