

Shaddocks were in great abundance. Both the red and white kinds are indigenous.

The same bitter orange was found here as at the Samoan Group. The natives of Feejee call it moli-tiri. The trees grow to the height of forty feet. They give the name of moli ni papalangi, or the white man's orange, to the lemon and sweet orange. They were both introduced by Mr. Vanderford, (from Tahiti,) about the year 1823.

Several new native fruits were seen. One of these, called taravou, is about the size of a plum. It grows on a large tree, and has a bitter and acrid taste: the natives are very fond of it.

The indava is also much esteemed, both by the natives and whites. The fruit is about the size and shape of a hen's egg, with the exception of being flattened at both ends: it has a glutinous, honey-like taste, has a kernel, and grows on a tree about fifty feet high.

The Malay apple, called kabita, was also found here, though it does not appear to be as plentiful as at Tahiti and the Samoan Group.

They have also several other fruits, which are only used in times of scarcity, and when hard pressed by famine.

The new species of tomato, (*Solanum*,) of which mention has already been made, may be almost classed with the fruits; it is cultivated by the natives on account of its fruit, which is round, smooth, and about the size of a large peach; when ripe, its colour is yellow; its taste was by some thought to have a strawberry flavour. We have made every endeavour to introduce the plant into the United States, by sending home seeds, some few of which have fallen into good hands, and been taken care of; but I regretted to find the greatest part had been distributed to those who had not taken any care in its cultivation. Fruit from these seeds has, however, been produced in Philadelphia. The plant will, no doubt succeed in the southern section of the Union. It is supposed to be biennial. There were also two smaller varieties of the same species, which the natives eat, and which are about the size of a small egg.

Mr. Brackenridge also found a nutmeg (*Myristica*) on the heights of Ovolau. The fruit of this, when green, is about the size of a pigeon's egg, with a round kernel and a large quantity of mace around it. He describes the kernel as having a greasy taste, and little of that aromatic flavour distinctive of the nutmeg known to us. From a wound in the bark of the tree issued a red acrid juice. We did not learn that the natives make any use of this plant.

Pumpkins, cucumbers, Cape gooseberry, guava, pine-apples, water-melons, and large red capsicums, are in abundance.

The chief proportion, however, of the food of the natives is derived