

ter a few hours they take out the flesh, &c. and each one receives his share.

Their method of tilling the ground, is by hand to dig up the earth with sticks sharpened, or levers; and then with their hands plant yams and potatoes. Plantains, and bananas are raised by separating and transplanting the scions each season; but about all the other fruits of these islands are naturally produced by the soil.

These savages are cannibals, and eat the bodies of their own malefactors, and all those of their prisoners: and as they were continually at war with some of the tribes around them, and the breach of their own laws in nearly every case was punishable with death, they generally had a supply of human flesh.

These wretches also eat vermin of almost every description; and if by pulling up a bush or weed, or by any other means, they meet with worms, they are as sure and quick to devour them as dung-hill fowls would be. One day the wife of a chief, having collected a number of lice in her hand from the head of her little son, she beckoned to the chief who was at a little distance, to come, and in his haste to possess himself of his game, hurried them too carelessly into his mouth.

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