

“SEPTEMBER.—Plant potatoes, onions, beans, water melons, and pumpkins; sow early cabbages, carrots, salad, and parsley; this is the best time for sowing all small herbs, and, in the higher situations, for transplanting fruit trees.

“OCTOBER.—Sow lettuces, turnips, peas, beans, red and white beet, cucumbers; plant cabbages, and potatoes.

“NOVEMBER.—Plant French beans and cucumbers; vines should have all superfluous young shoots that have not shown fruit taken off, and strong shoots topped—it will much forward the fruit; care should be taken to keep them free from caterpillars.

“DECEMBER.—Plant French beans, peas, cauliflowers, and cabbages; sow melons, cucumbers, &c.”

From the above, it appears that potatoes might be planted six different months in the year. The farmers derived their principal income from the sale of this esculent: a large Bengal ship, full of passengers, would take from 20 to 50 bags, at the rate of 15, 18, or even 20s. per bag, containing about two bushels. When it is remembered that four or five hundred ships annually touched at the Island for water and vegetables, the crews of which in the aggregate amounted to 13,000 men, it may be supposed that farming produce of all kinds, and especially potatoes, would be in great request, and find a ready market.