

PINGRÉ, from FIGUEROA, in enumerating the productions of this island, is more circumstantial than QUIROS. He says,

“ There are plenty of hogs, fowls, like those of SPAIN,
 “ chiefly white, they perch and live upon the trees ; ring-doves,
 “ turtle-doves of a small kind, partridges like ours, geese, herons,
 “ grey and white, swallows, and other birds unknown.
 “ They found no insects, but a kind of black lizard, and some
 “ ants ; they saw no musquetoës, an extraordinary thing in so
 “ low a latitude.

“ The sea yields many kinds of fish ; the Indians catch
 “ them with a kind of nets made of twine, which appears to
 “ be *pita* ; pieces of light wood serve them for floats, and stones
 “ for leads. They found at this island an infinite number of
 “ plantans, of six or seven kinds ; plenty of coconuts and sugar
 “ canes ; almonds, of which the shell is triangular, and the
 “ fruit large, and of an excellent taste ; pine-apples as large as
 “ the head, enclosing a kernel of the size of Spanish almonds * ;
 “ the leaves of the tree which bear them, are few in number,
 “ but very large. They also found the fruit mentioned at the
 “ MARQUESAS, the same kinds of nuts and chefnuts, and
 “ above all, the fruit which the Spaniards called *blanc manger*.
 “ Another fruit was named pippins, it grows on very high
 “ trees. Near these apples grew others, which were not
 “ equally good, and which much resembled the pear-main.

“ There are three or four kinds of roots used instead of bread ;
 “ they are boiled or roasted : the Indians make plenty of biscuit,
 “ which they dry by the fire or sun ; it is very nourishing.
 “ Oziers serve these Indians for ropes. Ginger grows natu-

* This seems to be the Caldera ; at the Nicobars it is cultivated, and grows to a pretty large tree ; the fruit grows even larger than here described : it is the chief food of the inhabitants, they call it melory ; and the kernels are the finest almonds I ever tasted.