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LITERATURE

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THE ISLAND WITH HIS TWO BROTHERS IN AROUND 1815. MOSTLY FAMED FOR THEIR EXCLUSIVE USE OF EXOTIC LOCAL TIMBERS INCLUDING: 'BITTERWOOD, LOGWOOD, WILD OLIVE, CANDLEWOOD, COFFEE AND PRICKLY YELLOW'.

THE SPECIMEN WOODS IN OUR BOX INCLUDE: 'YACCA, JUNIPER CEDAR, WILD FIG, BLACK EBONY, WILD CABBAGE AND HIDDLEWOOD AND COCONUT'.