



A scarce map of Fiji

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Fiji or Viti Group. Surveyed by Com.r Wilkes U.S.N. 1840. with additions by Capt.n Denham, R.N., 1857. To accompany Colonel Smythe's Report.

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A map of the islands of Fiji, based on American and Royal Navy charts, published in Mrs Sarah Smythe's 'Ten Months In The Fiji Islands. With an Introduction and Appendix by Colonel W. J. Smythe', on which 'Colonel Smythe's Track is colored Red'. William James Smythe (1816-87), a colonel in the Royal Artillery, was sent to Fiji in 1860 when a Fijian chief asked to be annexed by Britain (to counter American aggression). He concluded that the islands were too remote to be profitable. This map was published in Smythe's official report and reprinted here.

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