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Supposing that the French army continued to extend itself in a line of equal length to that which it did when the contest began, (about 180 miles) and supposing it did, and that it was possible it could sweep along the shores of the Baltic in an equal breadth to Petersburg, it would then *only skirt* the edge of Russia in her least populous parts; and though she might be deprived of her ports in the Baltic, of great use to her, they would cease to be so to Bonaparte, from the hostility of the British navy; and, on the other hand, allowing he pushed forward with this imposing and extended line to Moscow, it was plain he must in doing so leave the shores of the Baltic near 300 miles on his one hand, and some of the most populous and mildest provinces of the Russian Empire, viz. Kion, Tchernigov, Novgorod, Siverskoi, Kursk, Charkof, Ekatarinoslaf, and Taurida, as much on the other hand, while those fertile and populous provinces, the strength of Russia, would lie still beyond him, eastward to the valley of the Volga; that there he would be removed nearly 600 miles further from his supplies; and, together with a formidable force in front, would have the Russian armies from the Danube and the southern provinces of the empire, and those from the shores of the Baltic, on his flanks and in his rear—which would necessarily render his scheme a desperate and uncertain undertaking; and, as Russia had determined, for the moment, to sacrifice much rather than render the whole dependent; and if French cunning and duplicity did not once more induce her to sheath her sword, it was obvious that she could scarcely fail to conquer and arrest the career of that insatiable ambition which threatened the subjugation of the civilized world. Her country was well adapted for a protracted warfare, her population less contaminated with those baneful principles, which had taught the other nations of Europe that any other government and authority was better than their own, and which had done more than the power of France to lay Europe prostrate before them. Before Russia was equal in strength and civilization to what she at this time was, none ever attacked her with impunity, or came