

both parties, he resolved to travel to England, and to spend part of the winter in London.

With this view, passing through the Hague, and inspecting the stadtholder's cabinets of the productions of nature and art, he took his passage on board the English packet-boat from Helvoetsluys; but a heavy storm and contrary winds coming on, they were driven far from their course, and landed at a distant place from London.

On his arrival in the British metropolis, his friends, M. Dryander and Dr. Solander introduced him to Sir Joseph Banks, whose kindness and favours he acknowledges in the most grateful terms. Indeed, our illustrious countryman, who had himself given up the allurements of pleasure and opulence for scientific pursuits in distant climes, could not fail to respect a man inspired with similar views, but contending with many superior disadvantages.

The amazing collections of Sir Joseph Banks were laid open to his inspection; and he farther visited, with satisfaction, the Royal Garden at Kew, and other private and public gardens, and museums, with which London and its vicinity abound.

In a word, our traveller seems captivated with every thing he saw in England; and he has since had the honour of being elected a member of the Royal Society, as well as of the London Medical and the Linnæan Societies.

Anxious, no doubt, to revisit his native land, after such a tedious absence, he set out from London on the 30th of January 1779, in company with a countryman just returned from North America; and taking the route of Holland and Germany, they