

On the 23d of May we sailed from Abo for Reval, where we arrived on the 26th. Here we took in our stock of spirits, and Capt. Krusenstern brought me the necessary astronomical instruments, together with two chronometers, that had been made in England expressly for this expedition, and on which, therefore, as is proved by the sequel, we could perfectly rely.

On the 16th of June, we sailed from Reval, and on the 18th moored in the road of Cronstadt, in the harbour of which city we completed our preparations for the voyage.

*July 27th.*—The ship is now in complete order, and victualled for two years. We shall leave the harbour to-day. Dr. ESCHSCHOLTZ and the draughtsman, CHORIS, who are to accompany us on our voyage, are expected on-board by to-morrow. Our whole crew consists of two lieutenants, (Lieut. ZACHARIN has taken the place of Lieut. KORDINKOFF, who remained ill in Reval), three mates, two non-commissioned officers, twenty sailors, the physician, and the draughtsman. In Copenhagen, we are expected by Messrs. CHAMISSE and WORMSKLOID, who are to accompany us as naturalists.

On the 23d of July Count Rumanzoff, accompanied by Capt. Krusenstern, came on-board, and were soon followed by Adm. MOLLER, commander-in-chief of Cronstadt and Adm. KOROBKA. The Count was well pleased with the ship, which, however, he thought too small, it being only of 180 tons; but a ship of so small a size had the advantage that we might get very near the coast for the purpose of surveying. The internal arrangement is very comfortable for the officers as well as the men, having allotted much space to them, from a conviction that on this the health of the whole crew very much depends. The *Rurick* has two masts and eight guns, viz. two three-pounders, two eight-pounders, and four twelve-pounders. When the Count, after having taken leave of us, had left the ship, we saluted him with thirteen shots and three cheers.

At five o'clock in the morning, on the 30th July, we left Cronstadt with a fresh breeze from N.E.; and on the 9th of August we dropped anchor in the roads of Copenhagen, opposite the fort. On the same day, I was introduced to Messrs. Chamisso and Wormskloid, who I requested would get their luggage on-board as soon as possible, as the advance of the season would not admit of delay.

On the 13th of August we were visited by the Russian and several of the foreign ambassadors, and Adm. LEWENER, all of whom expressed their satisfaction at the arrangement of the ship. Knowing, from experience, the difficulty in the office of cook in hot climates, I looked out here for one who had already made

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