

first place we come to in Poland is a fortified town, called Trocki, or Trozk³⁵, to which we arrive through woods, and over hills, travelling a long way in an uninhabited desert. There are, it is true, certain places by the way, in which travellers may rest a while, and make a fire, if ordered before hand; and sometimes, though very rarely, one finds a small hamlet or two, a little way out of the road. Going beyond Trozk, one meets with more hills and forests, in which there are some habitations; and nine days journey beyond Trozk, we come to a fortified town called *Loniv* or *Lonin*³⁶. After this, we quit that part of Poland called Lithuania, and come to a district named *Varsonich*³⁷, which belongs to certain lords, who are subject to *Kazimir*, or *Cassimir*, King of Poland. This part of the country is fertile, and contains a great many walled towns and villages, but none of any great importance. From Warsaw, it is seven days journey to the frontiers of Poland, through a good and beautiful country; where one meets with *Mersaga*³⁸, a tolerably good town, where Poland ends. Respecting the towns and provinces of Poland, I shall say nothing farther, for want of proper information; except that the king and his sons, and whole household, are very good Christians, and that the eldest of his sons is king of Bohemia.

Travelling four days more beyond Poland, we came to Francfort, a city which belongs to the Margrave of Brandenburg. But having reached Germany, I shall say nothing of it, as we are now in a manner at home, and in a country with which most people are well acquainted.

³⁵ This is near Wilna in Lithuania.—Forst.

³⁶ I imagine that *Slonym* is here meant; formerly a place of note, and which used to be the appanage of one of the Lithuanian princes.—Forst.

³⁷ *Varsonich* is an evident corruption for *Varsovich*, or Warsaw, the capital of Masurea or Masovia.—Forst.

³⁸ It is not easy to determine the situation of *Mersaga*; but, as on the borders of Poland, towards Brandenburg, and in the direction of Francfort on the Oder, it is probable that *Meseriz*, or *Miedzyrzycz*, is here meant.—Forst.

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