

tants, that between fifty and sixty years ago, a vessel had arrived at *Kamtschatka*, from the river *Leno*.

This expedition served to determine with greater punctuality than before, the situation and extent of the eastern coast of *Asia*, from the harbour of *Kamtschatka*, in the latitude of 56 degrees, to the place whither Captain *Beerings* had penetrated. All this officer had sight of in his sailing was only three small islands very near the coasts; but hearing at his return to the harbour of *Kamtschatka*, that to the eastward there was a country, which in calm clear weather was discernible, after repairing his ship, which had suffered by a storm, he endeavoured to go thither; but was unfortunate in this second attempt; for sailing eastward near 40 leagues, without perceiving any land, he again met with a violent storm at east-north-east, which being directly contrary, drove him back to the harbour from whence he set out; since which, he has not thought fit to go a second time in quest of this supposed country.

After Mr. *Beerings* was returned to *Petersburgh*, he told me with his own mouth what he has omitted in his account, *viz.* that, in his voyage along the eastern coast of *Asia*, betwixt the latitude of 50 and 60 degrees, he had all possible indications of a coast, or country, eastward; these are, 1st, That in the offing along those coasts there was but little depth of water, and the waves low, such as are usual in streights, or arms of the sea, very different from those mountainous ones which are met with on coasts exposed to a sea of great extent. 2^{dly}, That he saw broken pines, and other trees, driven along the sea by the easterly wind; whereas none grow in *Kamtschatka*. 3^{dly}, That the people of the country informed him, that an easterly wind brings the ice in two or three days; whereas,