

the real ground of his recall is with much greater reason supposed to have been the jealousy of the Russian-American Fur Company, who were unwilling that a foreigner should survey the country, and publish to the world an account of his discoveries to their disadvantage. Hence they made such representations to the Empress, as to induce her to issue her royal mandate for his return.

7. Ledyard, as we have above stated, being left to himself on his arrival in Poland, took the shortest route to Koningsburg, the capital of Eastern Russia. His condition was now truly deplorable. His fond hopes were blasted, and he had no longer any rational prospect of ever being able to accomplish an object in the pursuit of which he had spent years of the severest toil. Added to this, his health was greatly enfeebled; and he now found himself without a single friend to comfort him, or to furnish the means of returning to London.

8. Fortunately, however, a gentleman agreed to accept a draft for five guineas upon his old benefactor, Sir Joseph Banks; and by means of this money he was enabled to reach London, after an absence of one year and five months.