

many *American* plants promised to be very useful in husbandry and physic.

THUS far this journey was a mere scheme; but as Captain *Triewald*, a man well known for his abilities in *England*, gave his *Observations on the Cultivation of Silk* in a series of Memoirs to the Royal Academy of Sciences, and mentioned therein a kind of mulberry-tree, which was discovered by Dr. *Linnaeus*, and which bore the rigours of the *Swedish* climate as well as a fir or pine tree; this circumstance revived the proposal of such a journey in the year 1745. Count *Tessin*, a nobleman of established merit both in the political and learned world, becoming president of the Royal Academy, it was unanimously agreed upon to send Professor *Kalm* to *North America*. The expences were at first a great obstacle; but the Royal Academy wrote to the three universities to assist them in this great and useful undertaking. *Abo* sent first her small contribution, *Lund* had nothing to spare, but *Upsala* made up this deficiency by a liberal contribution.

COUNT *Piper* was intreated to give a family exhibition to Mr. *Kalm*, which he readily promised; but as the Academy had obtained from the convocation of the university of *Upsala* and the magistrates of *Stockholm*, another exhibition of the family of *Helmsfield* for Mr. *Kalm*, Count *Piper* refused to grant his exhibition, as being contrary to the statutes of the university and without any precedent, that one person should enjoy two exhibitions. The present king of *Sweden* being then prince royal, successor to the throne,

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