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Keeping along the shores of the Baltic, and crossing the Dwina, or Duna, the first part of Russia Proper is Livonia, divided into the governments of Riga and Revel. The first is the government of Riga, which is a province of considerable extent, being about 160 miles in length and 120 in breadth. This province consists partly of woods and morasses, and partly of fertile soil, which yields the inhabitants plenty; the air is clear and salubrious, but the winter is long and severe, consequently the summer short; but, while it lasts, is favourable to vegetation which advances rapidly. In plentiful years the inhabitants export considerable quantities of rye and barley. Livonia is called the granary of the North. The horned cattle, horses, and goats of this country are numerous and much esteemed: vast quantities of flax, hemp, lintseed, leather and skins are exported from hence. There are few towns of any note or extent, except Riga, the capital, with a population of about 30,000. This province lies from 57° to 59° N. lat.

Revel is situated to the N. of the government of Riga, bounded by it on the S. by the Gulph of Finland on the W. and N. and by Pskov on the E. and is about a degree in breadth. The chief town is Revel, about 170 miles from Petersburg. It has a flourishing trade and a good harbour, and is a station for part of the fleet. Population about 25,000. Revel is distant from Petersburg, by the *great road*, 225 miles, from Moscow 710.

Returning to the S. on the N. bank of the Duna and E. of Riga, is the government of Polotski, in length 160, and breadth 60 miles, bounded N. W. by the government of Riga, N. E. by Pskov, S. E. by Smolenski, and S. W. by Lithuania. Polotsk is the capital, distant 200 miles from Riga, and 320 from Petersburg. Its soil, climate and produce are much the same as the government of Riga and the northern parts of Lithuania. Polotsk, is from Petersburg by the *great road*, 430 miles.

Next to Polotsk, is the government of Pskov, about 200 miles in length by 96 in breadth. Pskov is the capital, about 480 miles from Moscow and 230 from Petersburg. In this government is situated the large lake of Tchudskoj, or Pskowskie,