Rupia is bounded on ye N. by ye Frozen sea; on ye E. by Asia; on ye S. by Asia, ye Caspian sea, ye Palus Meotis, & little Tartary; & on ye W. by Poland, ye Baltick & ye Gulph of Bothnia.

It extends from ye Deg. of N. Lat. to ye & from ye to ye Deg. of Long.

ye Winters in Russia last 7. months & in ye most northerly part of it 9. months. ye Snow is no sooner melted than fine herbs & verdure instantly appear, & ye seed sown in April or May, produces fine & ripe Corn in Aug. but this is only in ye southern parts; for in ye North ~~[illegible]~~ is chiefly barren. ye summers are as disagreable on account of their immence heat, as ye Winters are for their intense cold.

ye Russian seas are ye Frozen, ye White, ye Gulph of Finland, & ye of Bothnia ~~[illegible]~~ in ye N. & W; ye Caspian, Black, & Azof in ye S.

ye Most famous Lakes are 1. ye Ladoga, which communicates with ye Gulph of Finland by ye River Neon, on which Petersburgh ye Capital of this Empire is built. 2. ye Onega; 3. ye White Lake; 4. ye Ilmen; 5. ye Woniero; 6. & ye Pepus.

ye Rivers are 1. Obi & 2. Iris divide Europe & Asia; 3. ye Wolga; 4. ye Don; 5 ye Boristhenes or Nieper; 6 ye Twina which runs in ye White sea, near Archangel; & 7. ye Dwina ye falls into ye Baltick near Riga.

This Empire is divide into 9. Governments viz.
1. Livonia, 2. Petersburgh, 3. Great Novogrod, 4. Archangel, 5. Smolensko, 6. Lesser Russia, 7. Woronitz, 8. Little Novogrod, 9. Kazan.

Russia being chiefly a flat, is well water'd, & one of ye most fruitful Countries in ye World; ye late Czar by making new Roads & cutting canals in proper places, has render'd ye communications between different parts of ye great Empire very easy; so yt now ye Northern parts are well supply'd with Corn & Fruit from ye Southern.

As to ye Laplanders & Samoieds they have no intercourse with ye rest of Russia, their climates is too Cold to ripen either Corn or fruit, therefore they live on Deer, Bears & other wild animals, & eat tarre pie & other Roots instead of Bread, their Deer feed on Moss, which they find on ye Earth, & on trees.

In ye Reign of Edward VI. ye English begun to trade with ye Russians, ye Czar then on ye throne was John Basilowitz; they kept this trade entirely to themselves for near 30. years, when ye Dutch begun to traffick there; but they didnot get ye better of ye English till Charles I. was murder'd; then ye Dutch painting them as a cruel & barbarous People, obtain'd their end, for ever since, they have been oblig'd to pay whatever customs ye Russians demand, which are seldom less than 5. pr. Ct.

ye Russians had but few Ships till ye time of Peter I. who after having taken Azoph resolv'd to force a trade with Turkey & also in ye Mediterranean. He therefore made his Nobility, whose Estates consist chiefly of a great number of Slaves, build him Ships, & made all other Ranks of men & even Monasteries contribute money to ye building of others; in short in ye space of 3. years he put 40. men of War, 10. Store Ships & Bomb Vessels, 20. whole Gallies & 30. half Gallies; with other Ships to sea, & sent to Holland & Italy for Ship builders; whilst this fleet was preparing

Peter set out on his travels, being resolv'd to learn ye Art of Ship building; He took many of his Young Nobility with him, & sent others into different Rms. either to learn this or other Arts & Sciences, ye Dutch having perswaded him ye Art of their Country ~~was best to be learned~~ he won'd be best instructed; He therefore went instantly to Amsterdam, where he remain'd some months, working with his own hand in ye E. India Ship yard; but seeing some British Ships, he was so delighted with them, yt he ~~went there~~ came over here; during his stay in ye Island He liv'd at Deptford, yt he might constantly be in ye K. dock Yard; He repented having remain'd so long in Holland, finding ye English more expert in this Art. He also visited all other Mechanicks ~~[illegible]~~ K. William on his departure, gave him ye Royal transport ye finest Yacht in England, built in ye manner of a frigate, & carrying 24. Guns.

On his Return to Moscow he gave a draught for a 50. Gun Ship, which he put on ye Stocks at Voronez, & declar'd himself Master-Builder; & also took ye title of Capt. & gradually became a Vice Adm. ~~by his~~ and by his example ye Noble ~~to the~~ inferior posts in ye fleet, ~~by~~ by this ~~[illegible]~~, none were ignorant of their duty when they got command ~~[illegible]~~.

But to return to ~~their~~ Trade, ye ~~[illegible]~~ of Russia trade is as well as his ~~[illegible]~~ subjects, ye Ships are sometimes us'd as men of War, & at other times laden with Merchandize; it is but within these few years, yt ye Russians have trade in their own bottoms.

As to their advantages in trade, being now master of part of Persia they may be able to furnish Europe with ~~[illegible]~~ Silks, & also may trade with India & China ~~[illegible]~~ to them, for they will ~~[illegible]~~ ye

as they sold are of strongest Power in
the Caspian sea, [illegible] Nothing
now can prevent their passing ye Sound, but a British & Dutch fleet
as they are to power [illegible] yet then they can go through ye White sea, & it is not likely
ye British fleet will be venture within ye Polar Circle;
[illegible] their great mismanage [illegible] prevent
their [illegible] engrossing [illegible] trade [illegible]
from here ye greatest quantity of their Pitch,
Tar, Hemp, Planks, & for timber for Masts &c. & now ye [illegible]
a passage is open'd between ye Volga & ye Baltick, ye Russians
[illegible] may furnish ye Dutch & other nations with Corn, cheaper than
they can have it from Dantzick; it also affords Pot-ashes,
Leather, furs, Linnen, Iron, Copper, Seal skins, tallow, Isinglass
of two sorts, with ye one Windows of Ships are made, &
with ye other Glue
Their Woollen & Linen Manufactures are as yet but in a
poor way; ye former they use'd to get from Britain, but
now from Prussia; ye latter will undoubtedly encrease,
as they have great quantities of flax. They now make their
own Gun Powder, & [illegible] in time may supply other Nations
with it; & as they are well provided with Iron & Steel,
it is not improbable they may furnish foreigners with
fire Arms.
As we have nam'd their advantages in Trade, we
must also mention their disadvantages, viz. 1st ye government
monopolize's all home grown Commodities, buy great
quantities of them, & then set a high price on them
& forbid ye Subjects to sell it; when foreign
Merchandizes are brought no subject dare's buy,
till ye Czarina has first serv'd; by this Merchants are
often forc'd to sell their commodities at ye price ye
Officers of ye Crown name.

Russia

is bounded on ye N. by ye Frozen sea. On ye E. by ~~Chinese Tartary~~ Asia. On ye S. by ye Calmucks, ye Caspian sea, Coban Tartary, Georgia, ye Palus Maotis, & Little Tartary. & On ye W. by Poland, ye Baltick, & ye Gulph of Bothnia.

It extends from ye 47. to ye 70 Deg. N. Lat: & from ye 21. to ye 70. Deg of Long.

ye Seas of Russia are ye Frozen Ocean. ye White sea, ye Gulph of Finland & y^e of Bothnia. & ye Baltick, which lie to ye N. & W. ye Caspian, Black, & Lake of Azof on ye S.

ye most famous lakes are. 1. ye Ladoga, which communicates with ye Gulph of Finland by ye River Nieva on which Petersburg is built. 2. ye Onega. 3. ye White lake, from whence ye River Schaksena takes its course, which is one of those y^t forms ye Wolga. 4. ye Ilmen which is near Novogrod. 5. ye Wosero which communicates with 6. ye Pepus towards ye N.

ye rivers Oby & Irtis, are ye boundary between Europe & Asia: ye Oby has its rise in Calmuck Tartary, & runs about 2000 miles before it falls into ye Gulf of Mangasea. ye Wolga comes from ye White lake, or from some fountain in ye N. of Russia; runs upwards of 2000 miles, & goes into ye Caspian below Astracan. ye Don runs from a Lake in ye province of Rezan, to ye Palus Maotis near Azoph after a course of some 100 miles. ye Boristhenes or Nieper, has its source in ye Province of Moscow runs first to ye W. then to ye S. & by ye confines of Poland falls into ye Black sea near Ocrakow. ye Dwina, has its rise from a Lake in ye pro. of Bulgaria, & running to ye N. falls into ye White sea near Archangel. There is another Dwina which runs into ye Baltick, near Riga.

~~Russia is divided into several Governments. as follows~~

~~[illegible] of Dwina [illegible] Dwina [illegible] Palus Maotis [illegible] division of ye most fruitful [illegible] Russia~~ is divided into 9. Govern. viz. Livonia, Petersburg, Great Novogrod, Archangel, Smolensko, Lesser Russia, Woronitz, Little Novogrod, & Kazan.

But a small part of Russia is fertile, chiefly for want of Inhabitants ~~[illegible]~~.

Russia is in gen. very fertile, has great quantities of fir trees, which make better masts than those y^t come from Sweden, they export great quantities of Flax & Hemp.

ye greatest part of Russia is extreamly fruitful, being well water'd with Lakes & Rivers; & as ye Czar Peter has made roads & navigable Rivers towards ye N, yt is also now well supply'd with Corn, tho' a barren soil.

ye Laplanders & Samoieds, have but little trade with ye rest of Russia, & not stopping Corn because of ye intense of ye Cold, live on Deer & Bears & other wild beasts, & eat turnips & other roots instead of Bread.

Russia abounds in fir trees, with which they carry on a great trade, they are better than ye Swedish; they have also a great quantity of Flax & Hemp, which make good Sails, & which they also export.