The Tsar in Britain: Peter’s Embassy to England

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This paper focuses the Grand Embassy of Peter I in England. It analyzes his relationship with King William III as well as the Embassy’s itinerary while in that country. Russia benefited greatly from the technology and resources Peter brought home to her. While naval advances were Peter’s primary concern, the Embassy also learned about democracy, western culture and architecture, and the tools needed to regulate a large economy. The Embassy thrust Russia into the mind of Europe as a first rate power. Britain entered into trade agreements that boosted Russia’s economy while exerting Russian presence in the Baltic. Peter’s Embassy, especially while in England, prompted the westernization process that would continue at least throughout the rest of his reign.