

made to penetrate into the inner parts of the country, we have not been able to attain sufficient knowledge of it to give exact relations *. It might, nevertheless, be of great advantage, if we were, by Senegal, or some other river, to get farther up the country and establish settlements, as we should find, according to all appearances, a country as rich in precious mines as Peru or the Brazils. It is perfectly known that the African rivers abound with gold, and as this country is very mountainous, and situated under the equator, it is not to be doubted but it contains, as well as America, mines of heavy metals, and of the most compact and hard stones.

The vast extent of north and east Tartary has only been discovered in these latter times. If the Muscovite maps are just, we are at present acquainted with the coasts of all this part of Asia ; and it appears that from the point of eastern Tartary to North America, it is not

Since this time, however, great discoveries have been made ; Mons. Vaillant has given a particular description of the country from the Cape to the borders of Caffraria ; and much information has also been acquired by the Society for Asiatic Researches.