



Georg Heinrich von Langsdorff
Bemerkungen auf einer Reise um die Welt
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The author, Georg Heinrich von Langsdorff (1774-1852), was a German naturalist. He participated in the first Russian circumnavigation of the Earth (1803-1806) under the command of Adam Johann von Krusenstern (1770-1846).

After crossing the Baltic Sea, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Pacific Ocean, the expedition visited Japan. There, it explored the coast of Hokkaido, and then proceeded to Nagasaki (1804). One of the purposes of this circumnavigation expedition was to establish trade with Japan, but the six-month negotiations, led by Nikolai Petrovich Rezanov (1764-1807), the appointed ambassador to Japan, failed to reach an agreement.

This book was published in Frankfurt in 1812, after Langsdorff returned from his travels. It includes records of the nature, the flora and fauna, and the people in the various parts of the world visited by the circumnavigation expedition. In addition, the numerous engravings, which illustrate the text, hand down customs and traditions of different countries around the world including Japan.