

Though I begged to be excused from this, I was however willing to give him all the Light I could by Journals, &c. For I had no Notion that any Information which Mr. *Dobbs* might receive from me, could possibly interfere with the Trade of the Company, or that any further Discovery, if a Passage was found, could any ways affect Lands already discovered, or prove injurious to my Employers.

If what I have already said is not of Weight sufficient to procure me Credit with the Public, I hope what Mr. *Dobbs* himself has written, will be thought a good Voucher of the Truth; for he himself proves that he industriously sought after me; and to what End, I leave the World to judge. His Letter, *October 23. 1735*, contains the following Paragraph.

“ S I R,

“ I hope this will meet you in *London* safe, after your Return from *Churchill River*, in *Hudson's Bay*. I was in Hopes to have met you in the Union Coffee-house, the Day you left *London*, but was a Quarter of an Hour too late.” See his Letter (Append.)

This Letter I communicated to *Sir Bibye Lake*, and asked his Permission to answer it; upon obtaining of which, I wrote to Mr. *Dobbs*. And in subsequent Letters, *June 21. 1737*, and *November 5. 1737*, I desired him to conceal from the Company what Informations I might send him; he himself having before that time told me that he found they trifled with him. For the Truth of which I appeal from angry Mr. *Dobbs*, to Mr. *Dobbs* when his Reason is not disturbed by Passion; but that I have little Hopes to expect will be till he is convinced of the Impracticability of discovering a Passage; for till then, I apprehend the very Mention of it, will produce unhappy and violent Effects.