

terest, by being subservient to his Dictates. Farther, neither *Wigate* nor *Thompson* had the Capacity to invent this *Forgery*. But then his incomparable Character forbids my entertaining a Thought so contrary to it. I own I cannot reconcile that Gentleman's printing and publishing this *Forgery*, with his universal *Reputation*; and though it may seem reasonable to conclude from his own Words, and Endeavours to engage the Government to send other Ships on the Discovery, that he proposed to himself vast Advantages, and thought that the properest Method to induce the Ministry to make a second Tryal, was, if possible, to prove I had treacherously concealed the *Discovery*; the Anger he has expressed in his *Remarks*, and his avowed *Design* to break the *Hudson's-bay Company*, might with some resenting Men excuse me, if I attributed his *Persecution of one who never willingly offended him*, to a *Thirst of more*, and a *Spirit of Revenge* for my having disappointed him in a Design of diving into the Company's Profits by the Sale of such Goods as were clandestinely put on Board his Majesty's Ship. For could Mr. *Dobbs* have carried his Point, we may suppose by what is passed, he would have sent a considerable Cargo; and as he imagines the Company make 2,000*l. per Cent.* he might flatter himself with Gains immense, while the Public supported the Charge, and ran the Hazard of the Voyage. This Way of thinking, I say, a warm Man might excuse; but far be it from me, to entertain a Thought, which could