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in his Opinion, for he was both the best, the most active, more to be depended upon, than any one Seaman in either Ship, and almost always in the Boat: But it happens unfortunately, that he is quite Ignorant \* of the Lieutenant's fancied Openings at *Marble Island, Wager River, &c.* Whence 'tis evident that neither *Lovegrove* nor the Lieutenant, could give the Information with which Mr. *Dobbs* charges me, and I averr they never mentioned one Word of it while on board; I cannot believe they even thought of any such till after our Return. It is certain the Lands appeared as set down in the Result of the Council held at *Cape Frigid*, the 8th of *August*; and as certain that we search'd all that Coast according to the Resolution then taken. Tho' we found some Islands, we could discover no Inlets or Openings which could answer the Design we were upon.

If Mr. *Dobbs's* Resentment on his being disappointed, was not too prevalent for his Reason, he would not tax me with not complying with, or following my Instructions, viz. To advise with my Officers, and at the same Time, and in the very same Paragraph, give a Proof of the contrary; for what else can he term the Resolution taken in Council at *Cape Frigid*? We did not, indeed, search this Coast outward bound, but very narrowly, as resolved in the said Council, upon our Return. The former, viz. not searching, &c. which he thinks a Neglect, was in Compliance with my Instructions †, which ordered me to lose no Time, but to proceed to Lat. 65°. Before I attempted any Discovery, for the Truth of the latter, I referr to the Journals, *Loggs, &c.* ‡

\* Vid. Appendix. *Guy's* Affidavit.

† Vid. my Instructions in my Vindication.

‡ Vid. Lieutenants Journal in the Navy Office. Master's Answer in Appendix to queries, in my Vindication.

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