

made a Handle to persecute him with greater *Calumny*, by taxing him with *Subornation of Perjury*: This is what I have learned from fatal Experience, in the Dispute between Mr. *Dobbs* and myself.

I had Mr. *Dobbs's* great *Character*, the Evidence of this artful *Draught*, the Strength of his Reasonings upon it, with his *captivating Inferences* to combat, which may be termed a *Herculean Labour*; *Truth* and *Innocence* were on my Side; the *Struggle* was long and *dubious*, but *Time* coming in to my *Assistance*, has turn'd the *Scale of Victory* in my *Favour*; and I leave Mr. *Dobbs* to the Task imposed upon him by his Witnesses of cleansing this *Augean Stable*, which will not be difficult to perform, if he turns into it the *River of Truth*, as *Hercules* did that of *Alpheus*.

On the whole, Mr. *Dobbs* throughout this *Affair*, warmed with the *Zeal* of *Public Good*, has been so very much unguarded in his *Expressions*, that he has shewn a *Junonian Rage* in his Writings, which has hurried him beyond the Bounds of Decency; But on whom must I charge this *Forgery*? Not one of my *Officers* who have sided with Mr. *Dobbs* could be actuated by a *Spirit of Revenge* for any ill *Usage*, while under my *Command*; they having often, and in different *Companies*, extolled me for my *Humanity to themselves and others*. They could not thus endeavour to ruin my *Character* and *Fortune* from any *Prospect* of *Gain*, or *Advantage*, if not what they hoped from Mr. *Dobbs's* Interest,