

serve two Matters, by which he is obliged to *expose* both.

Having thus gone through every material Paragraph of his Answer and Defence, and observed upon them, I leave it to the impartial Reader whether I was not in the right to bring his Conduct to the Scrutiny, even if I had *failed* of sufficient Proof to have *supported* my Complaint, since it was at *my* Solicitation, that the Public have bore the Expence of fitting out the Ships, and that it was upon *my* Recommendation that *he* was the Person fixed upon to *conduct* it, as I thought him a Man of Capacity and Experience in those Seas, and did *then* believe he had Integrity from his *seeming* Zeal to make the Discovery, and *pressing* so much to be employed; and am willing to hope that the Charge appears to be *well supported*, even beyond what could have been expected, in so *intricate an Affair*, carried on so *artfully* as to disguise the Truth, which at this Distance I could only judge of from Reason, and such Informations as I could procure to support it, from Gentlemen who had *been the Voyage*, who were very *unwilling* to criminate their Captain by their Evidence, and could not have been brought to do it, if the concealing the Discovery in so flagrant a manner, had not been to the greatest Prejudice of the Public. Having therefore taken up so much Time in shewing the *Falsity, Art and Evasions* he has made use of in his Defence, I shall only conclude by summing up the Nature of his Evidence, which is from *Wilson* his Master's *written Answer* to the *Queries*, from his *Log-Book* and *Journal*, and from the Affidavits of the *Master, Towns, Van Sebrick, Grant, Cooper* and *Dewilde*; for as to his *own* Assertions, they stand for nothing.

Now I throughout appeal to the *large Original Log-Book* belonging to the *Furnace*, which I saw, and

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