

vanced, and he civilly tells the World is all false. And does not his acknowledging that on my asking if he would go himself? He answered, if he was younger, &c. he believed he should, evince an Earnestness for the Discovery, which confirms the Truth of (as I say) his having made strong Application to me. Page 11. Paragraph 2. he charges me with advancing what is both false and absurd, and in Page 12. flatly denies that he ever made me alluring Promises. I have already answered the Charge, and I hope sufficiently proved his Negation false.

Mr. *Dobbs* acknowledges, Page 12. that he had the Modelling of my Instructions, and that he was a very improper Hand, since all his Knowledge, as he himself says, was from *Fox* and *Scroggs*, he having at that time no Notice of Openings near *Whale Cove*, or *Marble Island*. As to the former, their Accounts had been exploded by later Observations, and both by my self and Officers, as I have already shewn in my Defence. As to the latter, viz. the Openings, &c. I believe neither he, nor any one else knows any thing of them; they are pure Inventions; consequently, neither *Lovegrove* nor any other could ever give the Information he says they did. As to my Lieutenant, he could make no such Discovery, since the greatest Part of the time he was ashore at *Marble Island*, was at Night, and from on Board, it is not likely he should, having been aloft but once, \* and that only as high as the Main Yard during the whole Voyage. The Master was ashore a whole Day, the Gunner part of a Day, and the Man, who with the Master, went farther up the River *Wager*, and was with him two Nights and two Days, together with the *Indians*, could find none of these Openings, and discovered only a Bay. Upon this very Man Mr. *Dobbs* lays great Stress, and deems him a material Witness. I join with that Gentleman

\* Vid. Appendix, Answers to Q. 8. by *Donalson*, &c.