

That Gentleman has certainly met with a great Disappointment in the Miscarriage of his darling Project ; to that, and his Hopes of convincing the World he had good Grounds for his having engaged the Public in a great Expence, I attribute both his Anger to me, and the Calculations he has published, which are indeed no other than so much Dust thrown in the Eyes of his Readers.

I shall be very far from retorting the indecent Language, with which he has treated me, throughout his Book. I shall behave to him with an equal Regard to both his, and my own Character ; wherefore I am unwilling to believe him capable of palming upon the Public an Invention of his own for Truth ; and for this Reason I attribute his Account of our first Acquaintance to a Failure of his Memory, and this I ascribe to his Disappointment and Passion, of which I am the unhappy Object.

When he is cool enough for a deliberate Recollection of Facts, I hope he will consider the Impossibility of my having first made an Application to him, to obtain the Command of a King's Ship, since he must acknowledge, that till *May 1735*, I had not the Honour to be known to him ; consequently was a Stranger to his Project of finding a Passage by *Hudson's Bay* to the *South Sea*. Hence it is evident, and indeed Mr. *Dobbs* says it in express'd Terms, Page 8, that, *he sought my Acquaintance* : To what End should he give himself that Trouble, if not to obtain from me Instructions and Assistance, as I had many Years used the *Hudson's Bay* Trade ? He then did me the Honour to entertain an advantageous Opinion of my Ability ; for these are his own Words :

—" Recollecting that I had read in the Transactions of the Royal Society, some Remarks upon the Variation of the Needle, &c. in *Hudson's Bay*, communicated by one Capt. *Middleton* who commanded one of their Ships, &c. it naturally oc-

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