

" a Matter of twenty Leagues away to the S.E.
 " and finding at the same time that the Flood
 " Tide came from thence, we were fully con-
 " firmed, that it had a Communication with
 " the *East-Sea*, and that there was no such
 " Thing as a Passage into the *Western Ocean*,
 " as we expected."

The *Zeal* which actuated Mr. *Dobbs* in the
 Search of *Truth*, hindered his reflecting on the
 Incapacity of his Witnesses to inspect into my
 Conduct; so prevalent was his Love of *Justice*,
 that it stopped his *Ears* to the Remonstrances
 of his Friends, he gave implicit *Faith* to what-
 ever seemed tending to the Detection of *Fraud*;
 and thus Excess of *Virtue* laid him open to the
 Wiles, and made him the Implement, of wicked
 and designing Men.

The Danger of Ruin is always in proportion
 to the Assailant; and therefore it is well nigh
 impossible for the most upright Person, when
 his good Name is attacked by a Man of esta-
 blished Reputation to get off without some Ble-
 mish in his Character; the Improbability, nay,
 the Absurdity of the Charge brought against
 him, the Reasons he may offer in his Defence,
 the natural Inferences drawn, the closest and
 most rational Arguments, his *Appeal* to his
 former, and irreproachable Conduct, the *unsul-
 lied Character* he has ever borne, nay the Wit-
 nesses he produces, though of undoubted good
 Reputation, will not set him right in every one's
 Opinion, and possibly, the voluntary *Evidence*
 of such as appear in his *Vindication*, will be
 made