

vouring to get him to own the Truth, *criminal* in them, when they were acting for the *public Good*, in detecting the *Captain's Frauds, Neglect*, and perhaps *Corruption*? Ought they not, by all *proper Methods*, to procure Evidence to support *their own*? Nay, if they had given him Hopes of *being employed*, in case he told the Truth, is that *any way* criminal? Or was their speaking in *hard Terms* against the *Captain*, if he has misbehaved in so *shameful* a Manner, a Crime, by saying *they would have him broke*, &c. so that his *principal Evidence* has failed in proving any Thing against them; and *Macbeath's Evidence* is much less to the Purpose. As to Mr. *Wigate's* boasting that *he would do the Captain's Business*, and that *he expected to be made a Purser*, it is very natural for him to have *said* or *thought* so, when he knew the *Captain's Frauds* and *Misconduct*, &c. and that he would deserve a Reward in detecting him; nor are his Expressions about his Letters from me any way material, supposing them true; for upon their informing me by an anonymous Letter, that there was a Passage, (which was concealed by the *Captain*, thro' *Roguary*, by making Tides and frozen Streights where there were none, which *they would stand to*, and were willing to *risque their Lives in another Attempt*) I answered their Letter, directing to a feigned Name, as they appointed me, and told them if they were *real* Persons, and made good what they wrote, upon hearing from them again, I would come strait to *London*, and assist them with all my Interest in another Attempt. Now how can these *Affidavits* invalidate their Evidence? On the contrary, have they not, by *proper Evidence* and Reason, proved that there is *no frozen Streight* or *Tide* from it, such as can answer *his Purpose*, which being prov'd, makes out every other Fact, and proves that the *Tide* in the