

he pretend to say, that the Waters freshen in any of them, by the Length of their Course, as I have proved * they do in *Wager* River, by Affidavits. No Whales having been seen in *Wager* River at any Distance beyond *Deer Sound*, is a farther Proof of its being a Fresh-water River†: It is well known the Black Whales are never found but in Water which is Salt. As to the Lieutenant's Report if it was altered it was not by me, or with my Privity or Knowledge. When it was brought to me, I found it so unintelligible that I desired both him and the Master to explain themselves to the Clerk, that he might write it down from their own Mouths, and saw it not again till it was written and signed; which I believe none of them can deny. In that Report the Lieutenant and Master say, there is a great Probability of an Opening or Inlet into the Sea somewhere on the East-side: But in the Report published N^o. 34. in the Appendix of Mr. *Dobbs's* Remarks, the great Probability of an Opening is on the West-side; now which is most likely to be genuine, that written by my Clerk from the Mouths of the Lieutenant and Master and signed by them, immediately after their Return on board, or this published by Mr. *Dobbs*, and signed by the Lieutenant only, a great many Months after our return Home, I leave to the Determination of my Readers. Mr. *Dobbs* or the Lieutenant is a little Jesuitical in their Openings or Inlets, and would have the World believe, a Passage might be found thro' some or one of them, to the *American* Western Ocean; but could they be so ingenious as to speak out, they would let the Public know there are a number of what we call Open-

* Vid. Appendix to my Vindication, and *Richard Guy's* Affidavit in that of these Sheets.

† Vid. Mr. *Carew's* Observations at the End of the 20. Query in the Appendix to this.

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