

heard I had met with from Mr. *Dobbs**, expressed their Concern in a Letter to me from *Sheerness*, in which they say, " We are heartily sorry you should
 " meet with such Treatment for your Services to
 " your Country, as we are perfectly well assured
 " that your circumspect Care, and Vigilance, did
 " not at all merit such a Return ; we can impute
 " it to nothing but the malicious Suggestions of
 " those two worst of Men, *Wigate* and *Thompson*, &c."

Mr. *Dobbs*, Page 20. scorns to enter into a Justification of his Actions ; says I speak very inconsistently about my Clerk, and that the Accusations I have brought against himself, are the Cobwebbs of my own Brain without Proof. But I think the Masters Affidavit refutes this Charge, and I shall make it apparent in the Sequel, that I have brought against him nothing but actual Facts. As to the Inconsistency, with regard to the Clerk ; what I advanced is no more than what he declared to others after he came home, as a Reason for his late Conduct ; nay, he has farther declared since he has become a Witness against me, that he never went a Voyage but he made some body pay him one hundred Pound extraordinary. Mr. *Dobbs*, in the same Paragraph, affirms that my Affidavit Men swear nothing to my Purpose, all very indeterminately, most by hear-say ; and to Facts, either without or beyond their Knowledge ; or without Proof of their Assertions, where they either were not present, or were not capable of judging of Facts, Currents, &c. I shall in the Sequel † evince that he has here given a just Idea of his own Creatures. I do not know that any of these latter were present once in the whole Voyage, at trying the Currents, or so

* Vid. Appendix.

† Vid. Mr. *Dewilde's* Account in the Appendix.

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