

vised him to be cautious in what he said or wrote ; for I should be obliged to appeal to his Journals, &c. given under his Hand, which would be deemed authentic Evidence against him, should he deviate from the Truth. The same Caution I gave my Lieutenant ; if this is tampering with, or tutoring of, Witness, I own the Guilt. If Mr. *Wilson* said he would be the Ruin of no Man, but sooner beg his Bread, he spoke like an honest one ; and as to his denying before the Lords of the Admiralty Part of what he had owned to Mr. *Dobbs*, suppose it granted, is it not possible that his Memory might have failed him, and is it not allowable upon a Recollection to retract and acknowledge an Error ? But who can say here was any, and if there was, why may not Mr. *Dobbs* mistake (who I have shewn has not the most retentive Memory) as well as the Master : Beside we have only Mr. *Dobbs*'s Word for this Fact. All that he can make out in this laboured Paragraph is, that the Master acted like a Man of Prudence and Probity, in referring to his Journal and Report, and not trusting to his Memory ; for which Mr. *Dobbs* taxes him with Falsehood, and concludes with a most ungentlemanlike Surmise, which he would not be guilty of, had not this unhappy Affair of a Discovery had some Effect upon his Reason. With regard to the three Bottles of Water brought down by my Order ; when I tasted them, I thought and declared that they were alike, as Mr. *Gill* who was all the Voyage in my Cabin can testify : As can also Mr. *Lanricks*, a Friend of Mr. *Dobbs*, a Gentleman of unblemished Character. The former of these was recommended to me by Mr. *Allan*, and wrote most of my Accounts. Both of these Gentlemen went out Midshipmen with Captain *Wyndham*, in the *Monmouth*, and upon their Return, September 1743, surprized at the Treatment they heard

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