

Mr. *Avery's* Letter about *Wygate* and *Thompson*,

*April 20, 1744.*

S I R,

I AM not a little surpris'd that a Man of your Probity and Knowledge in Sea Affairs should be so violently attacked by a Gentleman of good Sense and Learning on so slender a Basis as that on which Mr. *Dobbs* has founded his Charge: I mean the Evidence of Men, whose Characters make them but of doubtful Credit; since I Myself, Mr. *Westbrooke*, late High Sheriff of *London*, and many more of Reputation heard Messieurs *Thompson* and *Wygate*, whom in Mr. *Dobb's* Remarks have taxed you with Willful Neglect, and corrupt Concealment averr the direct contrary to us, by saying, at the *four Kings* in the *Old Bailey*, where I accidentally met them after your Return, and before I saw you, a little before *Christmas 1742*, that you had done more than any one that ever went that Way, or possibly may be done, by any that ever goes after; and that if there had been any Likelihood of a Passage, you would have found it, and said many other Things to your Advantage, and this voluntarily in a Public Room, where they knew me, and made themselves known to me, as I had forgot them. I was glad to hear of your Health and safe Return, and treated them for the Joyful News to all the Gentlemen present, but in particular to

S I R,

*Your Well-wisher, and most humble Servant,*

London-House,

D. Avery.

To Captain Christopher Middleton.

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