

tleman's Witnesses deserve from the Public, the rest of it is not worth Notice. Yet if the Reader will take the Trouble to examine the Affidavit and Reports, &c. in the Appendix, he will find Mr. *Dobb's* has been too light of Belief. Page 16. is a Detail of what I have already refuted, and a Repetition of an Absurd ridiculous Charge of a 5000 *l.* Bribe, which I answered in my Vindication, and fully proved that it deserves no gentler Terms.

With regard to the Account he gives of his Interview and Conversation with Mr. *Wilson* the Master, Page 17, 18, 19, we only have Mr. *Dobbs* Word, which is contradicted by Mr. *Wilson's* Oath*. Now whether it is more reasonable to trust to Mr. *Dobbs's* Memory, who wrote down what the Master said (after he had left him) which makes one and fifty Lines in Print; or to what a Man of Character deliberately swears, and was heard by a great Part of a Vessel's Crew, as is affirmed in that Oath, is left to the Decision of the Reader, who I am of Opinion, if unbiassed, will believe the Offers of Advantage on one hand, and the Menaces of Ruin on the other, affirm'd in the said Affidavit, could not be without the Direction and Authority of some Person of much greater Weight, than either *Thompson* or *Wigate*.

I shall observe by the bye, that one of the Lieutenant's Reasons for not going higher up the River, was, that his Provisions were spent; yet had they kill'd two Deer weighing about one hundred fifty Pound each. Now three hundred Weight of Meat for nine Men, at three Pound per Day, will serve them eleven Days.

I am very ready to acknowledge, that upon Information from Mr. *James Smith*, of the Master's being with Mr. *Dobbs*, that I took him to my Lodging in a Coach, as he was not able to walk, and ad-

* Vid. Affidavit and Reports in my Vindication.

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