

Mr. Searle's Letter, March 30, 1744.

Capt. Middleton,

I AM sorry to find you have any Occasion to appear any more in Print to justify your Behaviour in your last Expedition to *Hudson's Bay*, and that some Persons who went with you that Voyage speak now so differently of your Behaviour in that Expedition from what they did soon after their Arrival in *England*. For I particularly remember that Mr. *John Wigate* the Clerk of your Ship, a very little after his coming on Shore, came to me, by your Recommendation, to be advised in an Affair relating to his Mother's Estate, of whom he was one of the Administrators; at which Time we had some Discourse as to what Success you had met with, to which I remember he made Answer, that it was not then publicly known, but when it should be, so far he was sure would appear, that you had done as much as was possible for any Man to do, and also at the same Time expressed himself very much in your Commendation for your general Behaviour to him, and other your Officers during that Voyage. This was spoke by him before *Christmas*, 1742. and said not only in my Hearing on my Enquiry after you, but also in the Hearing of Mr. *Henry Grace*, who then was, and now continues with Me, and well remembers the same as well as myself. and if it will be of any Service to you, are both of us ready to testify the same on Oath, I am,

Doctors Commons,
March 30, 1744.

Your most humble Servant,

John Searle.

To Capt. *Christopher Middleton*.

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