

“ sons who knew most: The *Lieutenant*, *Surgeon*
 “ and *Clerk*, were in *London*, but the *Master*
 “ was in *Holland*, the *Carpenter* gone, nobody
 “ knew where, who was a material Evidence
 “ about the *Frozen Strait*. *Axx*, the *Gunner*,
 “ was at *Liverpool*, who was wrote to*, and
 “ sent his Answer and Draught to a Lord of
 “ the Admiralty, which is full against his *Fro-*
 “ *zen Strait*, and his Tide and Whales coming
 “ through it. It was but three Leagues wide,
 “ and full of Islands, surrounding the Island
 “ they stood upon.”

In p. 34, he says, “ my Answer about my
 “ *Frozen Strait* and Tide is all false, and cal-
 “ culated to impose upon the Public an errone-
 “ ous Tide and Current, for without some other
 “ Tide to be found out from the *Eastward*, I
 “ must of course allow the high Tides were oc-
 “ casioned by the Influx of a *Western Ocean*, and
 “ of course prove, that I have scandalously im-
 “ posed upon the Public in concealing the Dis-
 “ covery.

In the following Page he says, “ By com-
 “ paring the *Clerk's* Answer with the Account
 “ and Draught sent up by *Axx* the *Gunner*, to
 “ one of the Lords of the Admiralty, against
 “ the Account he has set down in his (i.e. my)
 “ Log and Journal, *his spacious frozen Strait*,

* Though this looks like a Combination against me, as if my
 Ruin was designed, and the Methods to complete it consulted
 with mature Deliberation, yet it is possible the Industry here used
 was with no other View than to discover the Truth, and Mr.
Dobbs himself may have been imposed upon.