

seal it with my Oath, that he, *Mr. Samuel Smith*, did importune me, as I have declar'd in Page 10. of my Defence. Now what may induce any impartial Man to give my Assertion Preference to *Mr. Samuel Smith's* Negation, is the Design which *Mr. Dobbs* has avowed of laying open the *Hudson's Bay* Trade, the setting aside the Charter, of that Company, and the Views which he himself discovers in the Conclusion of his Book to engage the Government in a second Attempt for the Discovery of a Passage *. If *Mr. Smith* was not *Mr. Dobbs's* Agent, and I mistaken in giving him that Appellation, I hope I may be excused, as it proceeds from my not being a good Judge of Men and Things; I had it from his own Mouth, and I believed him; had he not told me this, yet my concluding that he was Agent to *Mr. Dobbs*, from his copying the *Hudson's Bay* Charter (which I have by me) his desiring me to write to him in *London*, and that he would transmit my Letters to *Mr. Dobbs*, his taking from me and sending to that Gentleman after my Arrival my Journal and Chart; an Acknowledgment of which, is in *Mr. Dobbs's* Letter from *Dublin*, dated, † *December 14, 1742.* and from his Letter, dated, *Lisburn, January 22, 1742-3.* which begins thus: " In my last to *Samuel Smith*, " I inclosed one to Lord — open for your Perusal." If from these Circumstances, I say, I ignorantly concluded *Mr. Samuel Smith* was Agent to *Mr. Dobbs*, certainly a Gentleman less transported by his Passion would have been good natured enough to have excused the Mistake in Consideration of my Weakness.

What regards me in the fourth Paragraph of Page 14. of *Mr. Dobbs's* Remarks, will be answered by Facts, proving how little Credit that Gen-

* Vid. last Paragraph before his *P. S.* in his Remarks.

† Vid. my Vindication, p. 128, 131.