

examine the fair draft; and so borrowing Sir J. Mennes's coach, he going with Commissioner Middleton, I to Whitehall, where we all met and did sign it; and then to my Lord Arlington's, where the King and Duke of York and Prince Rupert, as also Ormond and the two Secretaries, with my Lord Ashly and Sir T. Clifford, was; and there, by and by being called in, Mr. Williamson did read over our paper, which was in a letter to the Duke of York, bound up in a book with the Duke of York's book of Instructions. He read it well; and after read, we were bid to withdraw, nothing being at all said to it. And by and by we were called in again, and nothing said to that business but another begun, about the state of this year's Action and our wants of money, as I had stated the same lately to our Treasurers – which I was bid, and did largely and with great content, open; and having so done, we all withdrew and left them to debate our supply of money; after which, being called in and referred to attend on the Lords of the Treasury, we all departed; and I only stayed in the House till the Council rose, and then to the Duke of York, who in the Duchess's chamber came to me and told me that the book was there left with my Lord Arlington, for any of the Lords to view that had a mind, and to prepare and present to the King what they had to say in writing to any part of it; which is all we can desire, and so that rested. The Duke of York then went to other talk; and by and by comes the Prince of Tuscany to visit him and the Duchess, and I find that he doth still remain Incognito, and so intends to do all the time he stays here – for avoiding trouble to the King and himself, and expense also to both. Thence I to Whitehall gate, thinking to have found Sir. J. Mennes's coach staying for me; but not being there, and this being the first day of rain we have had many a day, the streets being as dusty as in summer, I forced to walk to my cousin Turner's, and there find my wife newly gone home, which vexed me; and so I having kissed and taken leave of Betty, who goes to Putny to school tomorrow, I walked through the rain to the Temple and there with much ado got a coach; and so home and there to supper, and Pelling comes to us; and after much talk we parted and to bed.

19. Up, and with Tom (whom, with his wife, I and my wife had this morning taken occasion to tell that I did intend to give him 40*l* for himself and 20*l* to his wife toward their setting out in the world, and that my wife would give her 20*l* more, that so she might have as much to begin with as he) by coach to Whitehall; and there having