

20. Up earely and to my office. And thence to my Lord Sandwich, who I find in bed and he sent for me in; and among other talk, doth tell me that he hath put me into commission with a great many great persons in the business of Tanger,¹ which is a very great Honour to me and may be of good concernment to me. By and by comes in Mr. Coventry to us, who my Lord tells that he is also put into the commission, and that I am there; of which he said he was glad and did tell my Lord that I was endeed the life of this office, and much more to my commendation, beyond measure. And that whereas before he did bear me respect for his sake, he doth do it now much more for my own – which is a great blessing to me – Sir G. Carteret having told me what he did yesterday concerning his speaking to my Lord Chancellor about me. So that on all hands, by God's blessing, I find myself a very rising man. By and by comes my Lord Peterborow in, with whom we talked a good while, and he is going tomorrow towards Tanger again. I perceive there is yet little hopes of peace with Guyland, which is of great concernment to Tanger. And many other things I heard which yet I understand not, and so cannot remember. In the evening Mr. Hayward came to me to advise with him about the business of the Chest, which I have now a mind to put in practice, though I know it will vex Sir Wm. Batten – which is one of the ends, God forgive me, that I have in it. So home and eat a bit, and to bed.

22. About 3 a-clock this morning I waked with the noise of the rayne, having never in my life heard a more violent shower. And then the Catt was locked in the chamber and keeped a great mewing, and leapt upon the bed, which made me I could not sleep a great while. Then to sleep, and about 5 a-clock rose and up to my office. And about 8 a-clock went down to Deptford and there with Mr. Davis did look over most of his stores; by the same token, in the great storehouse, while Capt. Badily was talking to us, one from a trap-doore above let fall unawares a coyle of cable, that it was 10000 to one it had not broke Capt. Bodily's neck, it came so near him – but did him no hurt. I went on with looking and informing myself of the Stores, with great delight; and having done there, I took boat home again and dined. And after dinner sent for some of my workmen and did scold at them, so as I hope my work will be hastened.

1. See above, p. 158 (30 September) & n.