

pride and presumption that brought us to it. I do find great reason to think we are beaten in every respect, and that we are the losers. The *Prince* upon the Galloper, where both the *Royall Charles* and *Royall Katharine*, had come twice aground, but got off. The *Essex* carried into Holland. The *Swiftsure* misseing (Sir Wm. Barkely) ever since the beginning of the fight. Captains Bacon, Tearne, Wood, Mootham, Whitty, and Coppin Slayne. The Duke of Albemarle writes that he never fought with worse officers in his life, not above 20 of them behaving themselves like men. Sir Wm. Clerke lost his leg, and in two days died. The *Loyall George*, *Seven Oakes*, and *Swiftsure* are still missing, having never, as the Generall writes himself, engaged with them.

8. To the Exchequer about some Tanger businesses; and then home, where to my very great joy I find Balty come home without any hurt, after the utmost imaginable danger he hath gone through in the *Henery*, being upon the Quarter-deck with Harman all the time; and for which service Harman, I heard this day, commended most seriously, and most eminently by the Duke of Yorke.

10. *Lords day*. Pierce the surgeon tells me how the Duke of York is wholly given up to his new mistress, my Lady Denham, going at noonday, with all his gentlemen with him, to visit her in Scotland yard – she declaring she will not be his mistress, as Mrs. Price, to go up and down the privy stairs, but will be owned publicly; and so she is. Mr. Brouncker it seems was the pimp to bring it about, and my Lady Castlemayne, who designs thereby to fortify herself by the Duke – there being a falling-out the other day between King and her. On this occasion the Queene, in ordinary talk before the ladies in her drawing-room, did say to my Lady Castlemayne that she feared the King did take cold by staying so late abroad at her house. She answered, before them all, that he did not stay so late abroad with her, for he went betimes thence (though he doth not before 1, 2, or 3 in the morning), but must stay somewhere else. The King then coming in, and overhearing, did whisper in the eare aside and told her she was a bold impertinent woman, and bid her be gone out of the Court and not come again till he sent for her – which she did presently; and went to a lodging in the Pell mell and kept there two or three days, and then sent to the King to know whether she might send for her things away out of her house; the King sent to her, she must first come and view them; and so she came, and the King went