

bargain all the rest of the year. At noon went home; and there I find that one Abrahall, who strikes in for the serving of the King with Ship-chandlery ware, hath sent my wife a Japan gowne; which pleases her very well and me also, it coming very opportune – but I know not how to carry myself to him, I being already obliged so far to Mrs. Russell – so that I am in both their pays.

14. W. Howe tells me that my Lord, it is true, for a while after my letter was displeased, and did show many slightings of me when he had occasion of mentioning me to his Lordshipp, but that now my Lord is in good temper, and he doth believe will show me as much respect as ever – and would have me not to refrain to come to him. This news, I confess, did much trouble me; but when I did hear how he is come to himself and hath wholly left Chelsy and that slut, and that I see he doth fallow his business and becomes in better repute then before, I am rejoiced to see it, though it doth cost me some disfavour for a time; for if not his good nature and ingenuity, yet I believe his memory will not bear it alway in his mind. But it is my comfort that this is the thing, after so many years good service, that hath made him my enemy.

15. To my office, and there very late with Sir W. Warren upon very serious discourse. And in the close, he and I did fall to talk very openly of the business of this office, and (if I was not a little too open to tell him my interest, which is my fault) he did give me most admirable advice, and such as doth speak him a most able and worthy man, and understanding seven times more then ever I thought to be in him. He did perticularly run over every one of the officers and Comanders, and showed me how I had reason to mistrust every one of them, either for their falseness or their over-great power, being too high to fasten a real friendship in. And did give me a common but a most excellent [saying] to observe in all my life; he did give it in rhyme, but the sense was this: that a man should treat every friend in his discourse and opening of his mind to him as of one that may hereafter be his foe. He did also advise me how I should take occasion to make known to the world my care and the pains that I take in my business; and above all, to be sure to get a thorough knowledge in my imployment, and to that add all the Interest at Court that I can – which I hope I shall do. He stayed talking with me till almost 12 at night, and so goodnight, being sorry to part with him and more sorry that he should have as far as