

my discourse about Pursers and would have it ordered in my way. We took boat and by water to Kingstone; and so to our Lodgeings, where a good supper and merry; only, I sleepy, and therefore after supper I slunk away from the rest to bed, and lay very well and slept soundly – my mind being in a great delirium, between joy for what the King and Duke have said to me and Sir W. Coventry – and trouble for my Lord Sandwiches concernments and how hard it will be for me to preserve myself from feeling thereof.

29. Up, and to Court by coach, where to council before the Duke of Yorke – the Duke of Albemarle with us. And after Sir W. Coventry had gone over his notes that he had provided with the Duke of Albemarle, I went over all mine, with good success. Only, I fear I did once offend the Duke of Albemarle, but I was much joyed to find the Duke of Yorke so much contending for my discourse about the pursers against Sir W. Penn, who opposed it like a fool. My Lord Sandwich came in in the middle of the business; and, poor man, very melancholy methought, and said little at all or to the business, and sat at the lower end, just as he comes, no room being made for him; only, I did give him my stool, and another was reached for me. This council done, I walked to and again up and down the house, discoursing with this and that man. Among others, took occasion to thank the Duke of Yorke for his good opinion in general of my service, and particularly his favour in conferring on me the victualling business. He told me that he knew nobody so fit as I for it. And next, he was very glad to find that to give me for my encouragement – speaking very kindly of me. So to Sir W. Coventry's to dinner with him, whom I took occasion to thank for his favour and good thoughts of what little service I did, desiring he would do the last act of friendship, in telling me of my faults also. He told me he would [be] sure he would do that also, if there were any occasion for it. So that, as much as it is possible under so great a fall of my Lord Sandwich's and difference between them, I may conclude that I am thoroughly right with Sir W. Coventry. I dined with him with a great deal of company and much merry discourse. I was called away before dinner ended, to go to my company who dined at our lodgings – whither I went with Mr. Eveling (whom I met) in his coach going that way – but found my company gone; but my Lord Brouncker left his coach for me, so Mr. Eveling and I into my Lord's coach and rode together, with excellent discourse till we came to Clapham – talking of the vanity