

Mr. Godolphin at his chamber; and I do find him a very pretty and able person, a man of very fine parts and infinite zeal to my Lord Sandwich, and one that says he is, he believes, as wise and able a person as any prince in the world hath. He tells me that he meets with unmannly usage by Sir Robt. Southwell in Portugall, who would sign with him in his negotiations there, being a forward young man, but that my Lord maister[ed] him in that point, it being ruled for my Lord here at a hearing of a committee of the Council. He says that if my Lord can compass a peace between Spain and Portugall, and hath the doing of it and the honour himself, it will be a thing of more honour then ever any man hath, and of as much advantage. Thence to Westminster hall, where the Hall mighty full; and among other things, the House begins to sit today, and the King came. But before the King's coming, the House of Commons met; and upon information given them of a Bill intended to be brought in, as common report said, for Comprehension, they did mightily and generally inveigh against it, and did vote that the King should be desired by the House, and the message delivered by the Privy counsellors of the House, that the laws against breakers of the Act of Uniformity should be put in execution. And it was moved in the House that if any people had a mind to bring any new laws into the House about religion, they might come as a proposer of new laws did in Athens, with ropes about their necks. By and by the King comes to the Lords' House and there tells them of his league with Holland – and the necessity of a fleet, and his debts and therefore want of money; and his desire that they would think of some way to bring in all his protestant subjects to a right understanding and peace one with another, meaning the Bill of Comprehension. The Commons coming to their House, it was moved that the vote passed this morning might be suspended, because of the King's speech, till the House was full and called over two days hence; but it was denied, so furious they are against this Bill; and thereby a great blow either given to the King and presbyters; or, which is the rather of the two, to the House itself, by denying a thing desired by the King and so much desired by much the greater part of the nation. Whatever the consequence be, if the King be a man of any stomach and heat, all do believe that he will resent this vote. Thence with Creed home to my house to dinner, where I met with Mr. Jackson and find my wife angry with Deb, which vexes me. After dinner by coach away to Westminster, taking up a friend of Mr. Jacksons, a young lawyer; and parting