

and at last rose; and to my great content, the Duke of York at coming out told me that it was carried for D. Gawden.

27. *Lords day.* To the Queen's Chapel and there heard some good singing; and so to Whitehall and saw the King and Queen at dinner; and thence with Sir St. Fox to dinner, and the Cofferer with us, and there mighty kind usage – and good discourse. Thence, spent all the afternoon walking in the park; and then in the evening at Court, on the Queen's side, and there met Mr. Godolphin, who tells me that the news is true we heard yesterday, of my Lord Sandwiches being come to Mounts bay in Cornwall; and so I heard this afternoon at Mrs. Pierce's, whom I went to make a short visit to. This night, in the Queen's drawing-room, my Lord Brouncker told me the difference that is now between the three Imbassadors here, the Venetian, French, and Spaniard, the third not being willing to make a visit to the first, because he would not receive him at the door.

28. I by coach towards the King's playhouse; and meeting W. How, took him with me and there saw *The City Match*, a play not acted these 30 years, and but a silly play. The King and Court there. The house mighty full. So I to Whitehall, and there all the evening on the Queen's side; and it being a most summerlike day and a fine warm evening, the Italians came in a barge under the leads before the Queen's drawing-room, and so the Queen and ladies went out and heard it for almost an hour; and it was endeed very good together but yet there was but one voice that alone did appear considerable, and that was Seignor Joanni. This done, by and by they went in; and here I saw Mr. Sidny Mountagu kiss the Queen's hand; who was mighty kind to him – and the ladies looked mightily on him, and the King came by and by and did talk to him. So I away by coach with Ald. Backewell home, who is mighty kind to me, more then ordinary, in his expressions. But I do hear this day what troubles me: that Sir W. Coventry is quite out of play. So home to read and sup; and to bed.

*Here the diary breaks off until 11 October, twelve pages being left blank for entries that were presumably never made. No rough notes survive, but from other sources we know that Pepys made two journeys at this time – one to Hampshire to meet Sandwich on his return from Spain, and the other to East Anglia, in the course of which he brought his wife back to London on 10 October.*