

makes me a little proud, but yet not secure but we may yet meet with a back-blow which we see not. So, with our hearts very light, Sir W. Penn and I in his coach home, it being now near 8 a-clock; and so to the office and did a little business by the post, and so home, hungry, and eat a good supper and so, with my mind well at ease, to bed – my wife not very well of those.

23. This day it was moved in the House that a day might be appointed to bring in an Impeachment against the Chancellor, but it was decried as being irregular; but that if there was ground for complaint, it might be brought to the committee for miscarriages, and if they thought good, to present it to the House; and so it was carried.

30. All the morning, till past noon, preparing over again our report this afternoon to the committee of Parliament about Tickets, and then home to eat a bit. And then with Sir W. Penn to Whitehall, where we did a very little business with the Duke of York at our usual meeting. Thence to the Parliament house, where after the Committee was sat, I was called in; and the first thing was upon the complaint of a dirty slut that was there, about a ticket which she had lost and had applied herself to me for another. I did give them a short and satisfactory answer to that; and so they sent her away, and were ashamed of their foolery in giving occasion to 500 seamen and seamen's wifes to come before them, as there was this afternoon. But then they fell to the business of tickets; and I did give them the best answer I could, but had not scope to do it in that methodical manner which I had prepared myself for; but they did ask a great many broken rude questions about it, and were mighty hot whether my Lord Brouncker had any order to discharge whole ships by ticket; and because my answer was with distinction and not direct, I did perceive they were not so fully satisfied therewith as I could wish they were: so my Lord Brouncker was called in, and they could fasten nothing on him that I could see, nor endeed was there any proper matter for blame. But Lord, to see that we should be brought to justify ourselfs in a thing of necessity and profit to the King, and of no profit or convenience to us, but the contrary.

31. I to Westminster, and there at the lobby do hear by Comissioner Pett to my great amazement that he is in worse condition then before, by the coming in of the Duke of Albemarle's