

fashionable, and black spots. He went with me to buy a couple of basketts, one of them for Mrs. Pierce, the other for my wife. After he was gone (we having first drank with him at our lodging), the Judge and I go the *grand Salle*, where we were showed the place where the States-generall sit in council. The hall is a great place, where the flags that they take from their enemies are all hung up. And things to be sold, as in Westminster hall, and not much unlike it but that not being so big – but much neater. After this to a bookseller's and bought, for the love of the binding, three books – the French Psalms in four parts, Bacon's *organon* and Farnaby's *Rhetoric*.

Coming on board, we found all the Commissioners of the House of Lords at dinner with my Lord; who after dinner went away for shore. In the afternoon my Lord called me on purpose to show me his fine clothes which are now come hither; and indeed, are very rich – as gold and silver can make them. Only his sword he and I do not like. In the afternoon my Lord and I walked together in the Coach two houres, talking together upon all sorts of discourse – as Religion, wherein he is I perceive wholly Scepticall, as well as I, saying that indeed the Protestants as to the Church of Rome are wholly fanatiques. He likes uniformity and form of prayer.

16. This afternoon Mr. Ed. Pickering told me in what a sad, poor condition for clothes and money the King was, and all his attendants, when he came to him first from my Lord – their clothes not being worth 40s., the best of them. And how overjoyed the King was when Sir J. Greenville brought him some money; so joyful, that he called the Princesse Royall and Duke of Yorke to look upon it as it lay in the Portmanteau before it was taken out. My Lord told me too, that the Duke of Yorke is made High Admirall of England.

17. Up early to write down my last two days observations. Before dinner, Mr. Edward<sup>1</sup> and I, W. Howe, Pim and my boy, to Skeveling, where we took coach, and so to The Hague, where walking, intending to find one that might show us the King incognito, I met with Capt. Whittington and Dr. Cade, a merry mad parson of the King's. And they two after dinner got the child and me (the others not being able to crowd in) to see the King, who

1. 'My Lord's' eldest son, Edward Mountagu, later Viscount Hinchinbrooke.