

letter to the King and gave it me [to] carry privately to Sir W. Compton on board the *Assistance*, which I did; and after a health to his Majesty on board there, I left them under sail for Breda: back again and found them at sermon; I went up to my cabin and looked over my accounts, and found that all my debts paid and my preparation to sea paid for, I have above 40*l* clear in my purse. After supper to bed.

7. This morning Capt. Cuttance sent me a dozen of bottles of Margett ale – three of which I drank presently with some friends in the Coach: my Lord went this morning about the flag-ships in a boat, to see what alterations there must be as to the armes and flags. He did give me order also to write for silk flags and Scarlett wastecloaths. For a rich barge. For a noise of Trumpetts; and a set of Fidlers. In the afternoon I lost 5*s*. at ninepins. After supper, Musique and to bed – having also among us at the coach-table wrote a letter to the French Ambassador in French – about the release of a ship that we have taken. After I was in bed, Mr. Sheply and W. Howe came and sat in my cabin, where I gave them three bottles of Marget ale, and sat laughing and very merry till almost one a-clock in the morning; and so good-night.

8. All the morning busy. After dinner my Lord and we at ninepins: I lost nine shillings. My letters today tell me how it was entended that the King should be proclaimed today in London with a great deal of pomp. I have also news who they are that are chosen of the Lords and Commons to attend the King. And also the whole story of what we did the other day in the fleet at reading the King's declaration; and my name at the bottom of it. After supper, some music and to bed – I resolving to rise betimes tomorrow to write letters to London.

9. Up very early, writing a letter to the King as from the two Generalls of the fleet in answer to his letter to them, wherein my Lord doth give most humble thanks for his gracious letter and declaration. And promises all duty and obedience to him.

10. My Lord called me into his cabin and told me how he was commanded to set sail presently for the King, and was very glad thereof; and so put me to writing of letters and other work that night till it was very late, he going to bed. I got him afterwards to