

with them at Roberts's at Whitehall. Things seem very doubtful what will be the end of all; for the Parliament seems to be strong for the King, which the soldiers do all talk against.

14. To my Lord, where infinite of applications to him and to me, to my great trouble; my Lord he gave me all the papers that was given to him, to put in order and give him an account of them. Here I got half-a-piece of a person of Mr. Wrights recommending to my Lord to be preacher in the *Speaker* frigate. I went hence to St. James, and Mr. Pierce the surgeon with me, to speak with Mr. Clerke, Monkes secretary, about getting some soldiers removed out of Huntington to Oundle; which my Lord told me he did to do a courtesy to the town, that he might have the greater interest in them in the choice of the next Parliament. This done (where I saw Gen. Monke and methought he seemed a dull, heavy man), he and I to Whitehall, where with Luellin we dined at Marshes. Coming home, telling my wife what we had to dinner, she had a mind to some Cabbage, and I sent for some and she had it. Went to the Admiralty, where a strange thing how I was already courted by the people. This morning, among others that came to me, I hired a boy of Jenkins of Westminster, and Burr to be my clerk. So home and late at night put up my things in a sea-chest that Mr. Sheply lent me – and so to bed.

16. No sooner out of bed but troubled with abundance of Clients, seamen. My landlords, Vanly's, man came to me and I paid him rent for my house for this Quarter ending at Ladyday, and took an acquittance that he brought me from his master. Then to Mr. Sheply to the Rhenish winehouse; where Mr. Pim the tailor was, and gave us a morning draught and a neat's tongue. Home, and with my wife to London. We dined at my father's, where Joyce Norton and Mr. Armiger dined also; after dinner my wife took leave of them in order to her going tomorrow to Huntsmore. In my way home I went to the Chappell in Chancery lane to bespeak paper of all sorts and other things belonging to writing, against my voiage. So home, where I spent an hour or two about my business in my study. Then to Westminster hall, where I heard how the Parliament had this day dissolved themselves and did pass very cheerfully through the Hall and the Speaker without his Mace. The whole Hall was joyful thereat, as well as themselves; and now they begin to talk loud of the King. Tonight I am told that yesterday,