

Chronological Summary

- 1684 30 March: Returns to England
 10 June: Appointed King's Secretary for Naval Affairs
 1 December: Elected President of Royal Society
- 1685 6 February: *Death of Charles II; accession of Duke of York as James II*
 19 May: Takes seat as M.P. for Harwich, having been elected for both Harwich and Sandwich
 20 July: Nominated Master of Trinity House by King under new charter
- 1686 March: Special Commission for the Recovery of the Navy begins to sit
 30 November: Resigns Presidency of Royal Society
- 1688 c. March: Moves to house next door in York Buildings
 29 June: Called as witness in Trial of Seven Bishops
 12 October: Special Commission dissolved
 5 November: *William of Orange lands*
 23 December: *James II takes flight to France*
- 1689 16 January: Defeated in parliamentary election at Harwich
 13 February: *William and Mary become joint sovereigns*
 20 February: Resigns his post as Secretary for Naval Affairs
 May–July: Detained on suspicion of Jacobitism
 26 August: Resigns Mastership of Trinity House
- 1690 25–30 June: Imprisoned on suspicion of Jacobitism
 Publishes his *Memoires Relating to the State of the Royal Navy [1679–88]*
- 1699 27 April: Made freeman of City of London for services to Christ's Hospital
- 1701 c. June: Retires to Hewer's house at Clapham
 2 August: Makes will
- 1703 26 May: Dies at Clapham
 4 June: Buried at St Olave's, Hart Street