

Lord Treasurer.<sup>1</sup> News that Sir J. Lawson hath made up a peace now with Tunis and Tripoli as well as Argiers; by which he will come home very highly honoured.

24. Sir J. Mennes, Sir W. Batten and I going forth toward Whitehall, we hear that the King and the Duke are come this morning to the Tower to see the Dunkirke money. So we by coach to them and there went up and down all the Magazins with them. But methought it was but poor discourse and frothy that the King's companions (young Killigrew among the rest, about the codpieces on some of the men in armer there to be seen) had with him. We saw none of the money; but Mr. Slingsby did show the King and I did see the stamps of the new money that is now to be made by Blondeau's fashion, which are very neat and like the King. Thence the King to Woolwich, though a very cold day; and the Duke to Whitehall, commanding us to come after him, which we did by coach; and in his closet, my Lord Sandwich being there, did discourse with us about getting some of this money to pay off the Fleets and other matters.

25. Great talk among people how some of the fanatiques do say that the end of the world is at hand and that next Tuesday is to be the day – against which, whenever it shall be, good God fit us all.

27. At my waking, I find the tops of the houses covered with snow, which is a rare sight, that I have not seen these three years. Up, and put my people to perfect the cleaning of my house, and so to the office – where we sat all the morning till noon; and then we all went to the next house upon Tower hill to see the coming by of the Russia Ambassador – for whose reception all the City trained bands do attend in the streets, and the King's Lifeguard, and most of the wealthy citizens in their black velvet coats and gold chains (which remain of their gallantry at the King's coming in); but they stayed so long that we went down again home to dinner. And after I had dined, I heard that they were coming, and so I walked to the Conduit in the *quarrefour* at the end of gracious street and cornhill; and there (the spouts thereof running, very near me, upon all the people that were under it) I saw them pretty well go by. I could not see the Ambassador in his coach – but his attendants in their habitts

1. Neither rumour was true.