

for my books; and so he and I fell in to the Furnishing of my new closet, and taking out the things out of my old. I kept him with me all day, and he dined with me; and so all the afternoon, till it was quite dark – hanging things; that is, my maps and picture[s] – and Draughts – and setting up my books, and as much as we could do – to my most extraordinary satisfaction; so that I think it will be as noble a closet as any man hath, and light enough; though ended, it would be better to have had a little more light. He gone, my wife and I to talk – and sup; and then to setting right my Tanger accounts and enter my Journall; and then to bed, with great content in my day's work. This afternoon came Mrs. Barbary Shelden, now Mrs. Wood, to see my wife. I was so busy, I would not see her. But she came, it seems, mighty rich in rings and fine clothes, and like a lady; and says she is matched mighty well – at which I am very glad, but wonder at her good fortune and the folly of her husband – and vexed at myself for not paying her the respect of seeing her. But I will come out of her debt another time.

26. *Lords day.* Up betimes, and to the finishing the setting things in order in my new closet out of my old; which I did thoroughly by the time sermon was done at church – to my exceeding joy; only, I was a little disturbed with news my Lord Bruncker brought me, that we are to attend the King at Whitehall this afternoon, and that it is about a complaint from the Generals¹ against us. Sir W. Penn dined by invitation with me, his Lady and daughter being gone into the country. We very merry. After dinner we parted, and I to my office, whither I sent for Mr. Lewes and instructed myself fully in the business of the victualling, to enable me to answer in that matter; and then Sir W. Penn and I by coach to Whitehall and there stayed till the King and Cabinet was met in the green Chamber, and then were called in; and there the King begun with me, to hear how the victualls of the fleet stood; I did in long discourse tell him and the rest (the Duke of York, Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, both the Secretaries, Sir G. Carteret, and Sir W. Coventry) how it stood; wherein they seemed satisfied, but press mightily for more supplies; and the letter of the Generals, which was read, did lay their not going, or too soon returning from the Dutch coast, this next bout, to the want of victuals. Then they proceeded to the enquiry after the fireships; and did all very superficially – and without any

1. See above, p. 644 (18 July) & n.