

4. Up very early in the morning; and landing my wife at White Friars stairs, I went to the bridge and so to the Treasurer's of the Navy, with whom I spoke about the business of my office; who put me into very good hopes of my business. At his house comes Commissioner Pett; and I and he went to view the houses in Seething lane belonging to the Navy, where I find the worst very good; and had great fears in my mind that they will shuffle me out of them, which troubles me. So to Westminster hall; where meeting with Monsieur L'impertinent and W. Bowyer, I took them to the Sun tavern and gave them a lobster and some wine, and sat talking like a fool with them till 4 a-clock. So to my Lord's and walking all the afternoon in Whitehall Court, in expectation of what shall be done in the Council as to our business. It was strange to see how all the people flocked together bare to see the King looking out of the Council window. At night my Lord told me how my orders that I drew last night, about giving us power to act, are granted by the Council – at which he and I were very glad. Home and to bed, my boy lying in my house this night the first time.

5. This morning my brother Tom brought me my Jackanapes coat with silver buttons. It rained this morning, which makes us fear the glory of this great day will be lost, the King and Parliament being to be entertained by the City today with great pomp. Mr. Hater was with me today, and I agreed with him to be my clerk. Being at Whitehall, I saw the King, the Dukes and all their attendants go forth in the rain to the City and bedaggled many a fine suit of clothes. I was forced to walk all the morning in Whitehall, not knowing how to get out because of the rain. Met with Mr. Cooling, my Lord Chamberlins secretary, who took me to dinner among the gentlemen wayters – and after dinner into the wine-cellar. He told me how he hath a project for all us Secretaries to join together and get money by bringing all business into our hands. Thence to the Admiralty, where Mr. Blackburne, and I (it beginning to hold up) went and walked an hour or two in the park, he giving of me light in many things in my way in this office that I go about. At my Lord's at night comes Dr. Petty to me to tell me that Barlow was come to town and other things, which put me into a despair and I went to bed very sad.

6. In the morning with my Lord at Whitehall, got the order of the Council for us to act. Sir G. Carteret and I to the Treasurer's Office,