

of the Treasury of Tanger, with great sums drawn upon me and nothing to pay them with. Also, the business of the office great. Consideration of removing my wife to Woolwich. She lately busy in learning to paint, with great pleasure and successe. All other things well; especially a new interest I am making, by a match in hand between the eldest son of Sir G. Carteret and my Lady Jemimah Mountagu. The Duke of York gone down to the fleet; but, all suppose, not with intent to stay there – as it is not fit, all men conceive, he should.¹

✻ JULY ✻

1. Called up betimes, though weary and sleepy, by appointment by Mr. Povy and Coll. Norwood, to discourse about some payments of Tanger. They gone, I to the office and there sat all the morning. At noon dined at home, and then to the Duke of Albemarles by appointment to give him an account of some disorder in the yard at Portsmouth, by workmen's going away of their own accord for lack of money, to get work of hay-making or anything else to earn themselves bread. Thence I to Westminster, where I hear the sickness encreases greatly. And to the Harp and Ball with Mary, talking, who tells me simply her losing of her first love in the country in Wales and coming up hither unknown to her friends. And it seems Dr. Williams doth pretend love to her, and I have found him there several times. Thence by coach, and late at the office and so to bed – sad at the news that seven or eight houses in Bazing hall street are shut up of the plague.

6. Up, and forth to give order at my pretty grocer's wife's house, who, her husband tells me, is going this day for the summer into the country. I bespoke some sugar &c. for my father, and so home to the office, where all the morning. At noon dined at home, and then by water to Whitehall to Sir G. Carteret about money for the office; a sad thought, for in a little time all must go to wrack, winter coming on apace, when a great sum must be ready to pay part of the

1. sc. as heir presumptive to the King.