

a learned man – he is being so dogmaticall in all he doth and says. But among other discourse, we fall to the old discourse of Pauls Schoole; and he did, upon my declaring my value of it, give me one of Lillys grammer of a very old impression, as it was in the Catholique times; which I shall much set by. And so after some small discourse, away and called upon my wife at a linen-draper's shop buying linen; and so home and to my office, where late, and home to supper and to bed. This night my wife had a new suit of Flowerd ash-Coloured silk, very noble.

17. Up, and to my office; and then with Sir W. Batten to St. James, where many came to take leave, as was expected, of the Duke; but he doth not go till Monday. The Duke did give us some commands, and so broke up, not taking leave of him. But the best piece of newes is that instead of a great many troublesome Lords, the whole business is to be left with the Duke of Albemarle, to act as Admirall<sup>1</sup> in his stead; which is a thing that doth cheer my heart – for the other would have vexed us with attendance, and never done the business. Thence to the Committee of Tanger, where the Duke a little, and then left us and we stayed – a very great Committee – the Lords Albemarle, Sandwich, Barkely, Fitzharding, Peterborough, Ashley, Sir Tho. Ingram, Sir G. Carteret, and others. The whole business was the stating of Povys accounts; of whom, to say no more, never could man say worse himself nor have worse said of him then was by that company to his face – I mean as to his folly, and very reflecting words to his honesty. So broke up. Then he took occasion to desire me to step aside, and he and I by water to London together: in the way, of his own accord, proposed to me that he would surrender his place of Treasurer to me, to have half the profit. The thing is new to me; but the more I think, the more I like it, and do put him upon getting it done by the Duke: whether it takes or no, I care not, but I think at present it may have some convenience in it.

19. *Lords day*. Mr. Povy and I in his coach to Hide parke, being the first day of the Tour there – where many brave ladies. Among others, Castlemayne lay impudently upon her back in her coach, asleep with her mouth open. There was also my Lady Kerneeguy, once my Lady Anne Hambleton, that is said to have given the Duke

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