

not expect nor could have thought; and that being done, having seen discharges for every farthing of money he received, I went to bed late with great quiet.

8. Up, and by coach called upon Mr. Phillips and after a little talk with him, away to my Lord Sandwiches; but he being gone abroad, I stayed a little and talked with W. Howe; and so to Westminster in term-time. And there met Mr. Pierce, who told me largely how the King still doth dote upon his women, even beyond all shame. And that the good Queen will of herself stop before she goes sometimes into her dressing-room, till she know whether the King be there, for fear he should be, as she hath sometimes taken him, with Mrs. Stuart. And that some of the best parts of the Queenes Joynture is, contrary to faith and against the opinion of my Lord Treasurer and his Council, bestowed or rented, I know not how, to my Lord Fitzharding and Mrs. Stuart and others of that crew. That the King doth dote infinitely upon the Duke of Monmouth, apparently as one that he intends to have succeed him. God knows what will be the end of it.

9. Up and to the office, where sat all the morning. At noon by coach with Mr. Coventry to the Change, where busy with several people. Great talk of the Duch proclaiming themselves in India lords of the Southern Seas and deny traffique there to all ships but their own, upon pain of confiscation – which makes our merchants mad. Great doubt of two ships of ours, the *Greyhound* and another very rich, coming from the Streights, for fear of the Turkes. By and by comes Mr. Moore, with whom much good discourse of my Lord; and among other things, told me that my Lord is mightily altered, that is, grown very high and stately and doth not admit of any to come into his chamber to him as heretofore; and that I must not think much of his strangeness to me, for it was the same he doth to everybody. And that he would not have me to be solicitous in the matter, but keep off and give him now and then a visit and no more, for he says he himself doth not go to him nowadays but when he sends for him, nor then doth not stay for him if he be not there at the hour appointed. “For,” says he, “I do find that I can stand upon my own legs and I will not by an over-submission make myself cheap to anybody and contemptible” – which was the doctrine of the world that I lacked most – and shall fallow it. I discoursed with him about my money that my Lord hath and the 1000*l* that I stand