

some way or other the matter is made up; but he was banished the Court, and the Duke for many days did not speak to the Duchesse at all. He tells me that my Lord Sandwich is lost there at Court, though the King is particularly his friend. But people do speak everywhere slightly of him. Which is a sad story to me, but I hope it may be better again. And that Sir G. Carteret is neglected, and hath great enemies at work against him. That matters must needs go bad while all the town and every boy in the street openly cries the King cannot go away till my Lady Castlemayne be ready to come along with him, she being lately brought to bed. And that he visits her and Mrs. Stewart every morning before he eats his breakfast. All this put together makes me very sad; but yet I hope I shall do pretty well among them for all this, by my not meddling with either of their matters. And then comes Mr. Gawden, and he and I talked above-stairs together a good while about his business; and to my great joy, got him to declare that of the 500*l* he did give me the other day, none of it was for my Treasurership for Tanger – (I first telling him how matters stood between Povy and I, that he was to have half of whatever was coming to me by that office); and that he will gratify me at two per cent for that when he next receives any money – so there is 80*l* due to me more then I thought of. He gone, I with a glad heart to the office to write my letters; and so home to supper and bed. My wife mighty full of her work she hath today in furnishing her bedchamber.

10. Up, and by coach to Sir G. Downing, where Mr. Gawden met me by agreement to talk upon the Act. I do find Sir G. Downing to be a mighty talker, more then is true; which I now know to be so, and suspected it before; but for all that, I have good grounds to think it will succeed for goods, and in time for money too; but not presently. Having done with him, I to my Lord Brunckers house in Covent Guarden; and among other things, it was to acquaint him with my paper of pursers; and read it to him and had his good liking of it. Showed him Mr. Coventry's sense of it, which he sent me last post, much to my satisfaction. Thence to the Change, and there hear, to our grief, how the plague is encreased this week from 70 to 89. We have also great fear of our Hambrough fleet, of their meeting the Dutch; as also have certain news that by storms Sir Jer. Smith's fleet is scattered, and three of them come without masts back to Plymouth; which is another very exceeding great disappointment, and if the victualling ships are