

have preached before him yesterday, being Ashwendsdy; and had his sermon ready, but was put by – which is great news.

7. Up, and to the office to the getting of my books in order to carry to the Commissioners of Accounts this morning. This being done, I away, first to Westminster hall and there met my Cosen Rogr. Pepys by his desire (the first time I have seen him since his coming to town, the Parliament meeting yesterday and adjourned to Monday next); and here he tells me that Mr. Jackson, my sister's servant, is come to town. Thence I to the Comissioners of Accounts and there presented my books, and was made to sit down and used with much respect, otherwise then the other day when I came to them as a Criminall about the business of the prizes. I sat here with them a great while, while my books were inventoried; and here do hear from them by discourse that they are like to undo the Treasurer's instruments of the Navy by making it a rule that they shall repay all money paid to wrong parties; which is a thing not to be supported by these poor creatures, the Treasurer's instruments; as it is also hard for seamen to be ruined by their paying money to whom they please. I know not what will be the issue of it. I find these gentlemen to sit all day and only eat a bit of bread at noon and a glass of wine; and are resolved to go through their business with great severity and method. Thence I about 2 a-clock to Westminster hall by appointment, and there met my cousin Roger again and Mr. Jackson, who is a plain young man, handsome enough for her; one of no education nor discourse, but of few words, and one altogether that I think will please me well enough. My cousin hath got me to give the od sixth, 100*l*, presently, which I intended to keep to the birth of the first child: and let it go, I shall be eased of that care; and so after little talk we parted, resolving to dine all together at my house tomorrow. So there parted, my mind pretty well satisfied with this plain fellow for my sister, though I shall I see have no pleasure nor content in him, as if he had been a man of breeding and parts like Cumberland.

8. Up and to the office, where sat all day; and at noon home and there find Cosen Roger and Jackson by appointment come to dine with me, and Creed – and very merry; only, Jackson hath few words, and like him never the worse for it. We had a great deal of good discourse at table; and after dinner we four men took coach, and they set me down at the Old Exchange and they home, having