

make out of them all. So little care there hath been to this day to know or keep any history of the Navy.

17. Up, and by coach to Whitehall to attend the Council there; and here I met, first by Mr. Castle the shipwright whom I met there, and then from the whole House, all the discourse of the Duell yesterday between the Duke of Buckingham, Holmes, and one Jenkins on one side, and my Lord of Shrewsbury, Sir Jo. Talbot, and one Bernard Howard, on the other side; and all about my Lady Shrewsbury, who is a whore and is at this time, and hath for a great while been, a whore to the Duke of Buckingham; and so her husband challenged him, and they met yesterday in a close near Barne Elmes and there fought; and my Lord Shrewsbury is run through the body from the right breast through the shoulder, and Sir J. Talbot all along up one of his arms, and Jenkins killed upon the place, and the rest all in a little measure wounded. This will make the world think that the King hath good councillours about him, when the Duke of Buckingham, the greatest man about him, is a fellow of no more sobriety then to fight about a whore.

20. Up, and all the morning at the office very busy; and at noon by coach to Westminster to the Chequer about a warrant for Tanger money. In my way, both coming and going, I did stop at Drumbleby's the pipe-maker, there to advise about the making of a flagelette to go low and saft; and he doth show me a way which doth do, and also a fashion of having two pipes of the same note fastened together, so as I can play on one and then echo it upon the other; which is mighty pretty. So to my Lord Crew's to dinner, where we hear all the good news of our making a league now with Holland against the French power coming over them or us, which is the first good act that hath been done a great while, and done secretly and with great seeming wisdom; and is certainly good for us at this time, while we are in no condition to resist the French if he should come over hither; and then a little time of peace will give us time to lay up something; which these Commissioners of the Treasury are doing, and the world doth begin to see that they will do the King's work for him if he will let them. Here dined Mr. Case the Minister, who, Lord, doth talk just as I remember he used to preach; and did tell a pretty story of a religious lady, the Queen of Navarre; and my Lord also a good story of Mr. Newman, the minister in New England who wrote the Concordance, of his foretelling his death