

That with the King he is the like; and told me an instance, that whereas he formerly was of the private council to the King before he was last sick, and that by that sickness an interruption was made in his attendance upon him, the King did not constantly call him, as he used to do, to his private council, only in businesses of the sea and the like; but of late, the King did send a message to him by Sir Hary Bennet, to excuse the King to my Lord that he had not of late sent for him as he used to do to his private council, for it was not out of any distaste, but to avoid giving offence to some others, whom he did not name but my Lord supposes it might be Prince Rupert, or it may be only that the King would rather pass it by an excuse than be thought unkind. But that now he did desire him to attend him constantly; which he hath of late done, and the King never more kind to him in his life then now. The Duke of Yorke, as much as is possible; and in the business of late, when I was to speak to my Lord about his going to sea, he says that he finds the Duke did it with the greatest ingenuity and love in the world; and hath caused in his commission that he be made Admirall of this and what other ships or fleets shall hereafter be put out after these – which is very noble. He tells me, in these cases and all others, he finds that bearing of them patiently is his best way, without noise or trouble; and things wear out of themselves and come fair again. “But,” says he, “take it from me never to trust too much to any man in the world, for you put yourself into his power; and the best-seeming friend and real friend as to the present may have or take occasion to fall out with you; and then out comes all. This,” says he, “is the whole condition of my estate and interest; which I tell you because I know not whether I shall see you again or no.” Then as to the voyage, he thinks it will be of charge to him, and no profit; but that he must not now look after nor think to encrease, but study to make good what he hath, that what is due to him from the Wardrobe or elsewhere may be paid; which otherwise would fail, and all a man hath be but small content to him. So we seemed to take leave one of another; my Lord of me, desiring me that I would write to him and give him information upon all occasions in matters that concern him – which, put together with what he preambled with yesterday, makes me think that my Lord doth truly esteem me still, and desires to preserve my service to him – which I do bless God for. In the middle of our discourse my Lady Crew came in to bring my Lord Word that he hath another son, my Lady being brought to bed just now. I did not think her time had been so nigh; but she is well