

and did it to his content; and he says to the House's seeming to approve of it, by their hum. He confessed how long he had done it, and how he desired to have something else;¹ and since then he had taken nothing, and challenged all the world. I was glad of this also. Thence up to the Duke of York by appointment, with fellow-officers, to complain, but to no purpose, of want of money; and so away – I to Sir G. Carteret to his lodging, and there discoursed much of the want of money and our being designed for destruction. How the King hath lost his power by submitting himself to this way of examining his accounts – and is become as a private man. He says the King is troubled at it, but they talk an entry shall be made that it is not to be brought into example. That the King must, if they do not agree presently, make them a courageous speech; which he says he may do (the City of London being now burned, and himself master of an army) better than any prince before him – and so I believe. Thence home about noon and to dinner. After dinner the bookbinder came, and I sent by him some more books to gild. I to the office all day, and spent most of it with W. Warren, whom I have had no discourse with a great while. And when all is done, I do find him a mighty wise man as any I know, and his counsel as much to be fallowed. Late with Mr. Hayter, upon comparing the charge and husbandry of the last Dutch war with ours now; and do find good room to think we have done little worse than they – whereof good use may and will be made. So home to supper and to bed.

7. *Lords day.* Up, and after visiting my father in his chamber, to church, and then home to dinner. Little Michell and his wife came to dine with us – which they did; and then presently after dinner, I with Sir J. Mennes to Whitehall, where met by W. Batten and Lord Brouncker, to attend the King and Duke of York at the Cabinet; but nobody had determined what to speak of, but only in general to ask for money – so I was forced immediately to prepare in my mind a method of discoursing. And anon we were called in to the green room, where the King, Duke of York, Prince Rupert, Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, Duke of Albemarle, G. Carteret, W. Coventry, Morrice. Nobody beginning, I did, and made a current and, I thought, a good speech, laying open the ill state of the Navy – by the greatness of the debt – greatness of work to do against next year – the time and materials it would take – and our incapacity,

1. i.e. a salary, which he had enjoyed since September 1664.