

I find them (as they have reason) to be much concerned for me – my Lady especially.

The fellows stayed in the yard swearing with one or two constables; and some time we locked them into the yard and by and by let them out again, and so kepted them all the afternoon, not letting them see me or know where I was. One time, I went up to the top of Sir W. Batten's house and out of one of their windows spoke to my wife out of one of ours – which methought, though I did it in mirth, yet I was sad to think what a sad thing it would be for me to be really in that condition. By and by comes Sir J. Mennes, who (like himself and all that he doth) tells us that he can do no good, but that my Lord Chancellor wonders that we did not cause the seamen to fall about their eares – which we wished we could have done without our being seen in it; and Capt. Grove being there, he did give them some affront and would have got some seamen to have drubbed them, but he had not time nor did we think it fit to have it done, they having executed their commission. But there was occasion given that he did draw his sword upon one of them and he did complain that Grove had pricked him in the breast – but no hurt done; but I saw that Grove would have done our business to them if we had bid him. By and by comes Mr. Clerke our Sollicitor, who brings us a release from our adverse atturny, we paying the fees of the Comission, which comes to five markes, and pay the charges of these fellows, which are called the Comissioners (but are the most rake-shamed rogues that ever I saw in my life); so he showed them his release and [they] seemed satisfied and went away with him to their atturny to be paid by him. But before they went, Sir W. Batten and my Lady did begin to taunt them; but the rogues answered them as high as themselves and swore they would come again, and called me rogue and Rebell and they would bring the Sheriffe and untile his house before he should harbour a Rebell in his house – and that they would be here again shortly. Well, at last they went away; and I by advice took occasion to go abroad, and walked through the street to show myself among the neighbours, that they might not think worse then the business is.

25. The Commons in parliament, I hear, are very high to stand to the act of uniformity, and will not indulge the papists (which is endeavoured by the court party) nor the Presbyters.