

23. Up earely and about my works in my house to see what is done and design more. Then to my office; and by and by we sat till noon at the office. Mr. Creede by appointment being come, he and I went out together, and at an ordinary in Lumbardstreete dined together; and so walked down to the Styllyard and so all along Thames streete, but could not get a boat: I offered 8s. for a boat to attend me this afternoon and they would not, it being the day of the Queenes coming to town from Hampton Court. So we fairly walked it to Whitehall; and through my Lord's lodgings we got into Whitehall garden, and so to the bowling-greene and up to the top of the new banqueting-house* there over the Thames, which was a most pleasant place as any I could have got. And all the show consisted chiefly in the number of boats and barges – and two Pageants, one of a King and another of a Queene, with her maydes of honour sitting at her feet very prettily. Anon came the King and and Queen in a barge under a Canopy, with 10000 barges and boats I think, for we could see no water for them – nor discern the King nor Queen. And so they landed at Whitehall bridge, and the great guns on the other side went off. But that which pleased me best was that my Lady Castlemayne stood over against us upon a piece of Whitehall – where I glutted myself with looking on her. But methought it was strange to see her Lord and her upon the same place, walking up and down without taking notice one of another; only, at first entry, he put off his hat and she made him a very civil salute – but afterwards took no notice one of another. But both of them now and then would take their child, which the nurse held in her armes, and dandle it. One thing more; there happend a scaffold below to fall, and we feared some hurt but there was none; but she, of all the great ladies only, run down among the common rabble to see what hurt was done, and did take care of a child that received some little hurt; which methought was so noble. Anon there came one there, booted and spurred, that she talked long with. And by and by, she being in her haire, she put on his hat, which was but an ordinary one, to keep the wind off. But methought it became her mightily, as everything else do.

29. To my office, and among other businesses, did begin with Mr. Lewes to look into the nature of a pursers account and the business of victualling; in which there is great variety, but I find I shall understand it and be able to do service there also.