

the last Sunday and yesterday, and my ability to bear the charge of those pleasures – and with profit too – by obliging my Lord and reconciling Sir G. Carteret's family.

28. *Ashwendsday*. Up, and after doing a little business at my office, I walked (it being a most curious dry and cold morning) to Whitehall; and there I went into the parke, and meeting Sir Ph. Warwicke, took a turn with him in the Pell Mell, talking of the melancholy posture of affairs, where everybody is snarling one at another, and all things put together look ominously. This new Act,<sup>1</sup> too, putting us out of a power of raising money – so that he fears as I do, but is fearful of enlarging in that discourse of a whole confusion in everything, and the State and all. We appointed another time to meet to talk of the business of the Navy alone, seriously, and so parted and I to Whitehall; and there we did our business with the Duke of Yorke, and so parted and walked to Westminster hall, where I stayed talking with Mrs. Michell and Howlett long, and her daughter, which is become a mighty pretty woman; and thence, going out of the hall, was called to by Mrs. Martin. So I went to her, and bought two bands and so parted, and by and by met at her chamber and there did what I would; and so away home, and there find Mrs. Knipp and we dined together, she the pleasantest company in the world. After dinner I did give my wife money to lay out on Knipp, 20s., and I abroad to Whitehall to visit Coll. Norwood and then Sir G. Carteret, with whom I have brought myself right again, and he very open to me. Is very melancholy, and matters, I fear, go down with him; but he seems most afeared of a general catastrophe to the whole Kingdom, and thinks, as I fear, that all things will come to nothing. Thence to the Palace yard to the Swan and there stayed till it was dark; and then to Mrs. Lanes and there lent her 5*l*, upon 4*l* 0*s*. in gold – and then did what I would with her; and I perceive she is come to be very bad and offers anything, that it is dangerous to have to do with her; nor will I see any more a good while. Thence by coach home and to the office, where a while; and then betimes to bed, by 10 a-clock, sooner then I have done many a day. And thus ends this month, with my mind full of resolution to apply myself better, from this time forward, to my business then I have done within these six or eight days – visibly to my prejudice, both in quiet of mind and

1. The 'Additional Aid'.