

to think how ill she doth any serious part, as the other day, just like a fool or changeling; and in a mad part, doth beyond all imitation almost. Many fine faces here today. It pleased us mightily to see the natural affection of a poor woman, the mother of one of the children brought on the stage – the child crying, she by force got upon the stage, and took up her child and carried it away off of the stage from Hart. Thence home, and there to the office late and then home to supper and to bed.

30. Up before day and by coach to Westminster; and there first to Sir H. Cholmly, and there I did to my great content deliver him up his little several papers for sums of money paid him, and took his regular receipts upon his orders, wherein I am safe. Thence to Whitehall and there to visit Sir G. Carteret, and there was with him a great while and my Lady and they seem in very good humour; but by and by Sir G. Carteret and I all alone, and there we did talk of the ruinous condition we are in. That the Duke of Buckingham doth rule all now; and the Duke of York comes endeed to the Caball but signifies little there. That this new faction doth not endure, nor the King, Sir W. Coventry; but yet that he is so usefull that they cannot be without him, but that he is not now called to the Caball. That my Lord of Buckingham, Bristoll, and Arlington do seem to agree in these things; but that they do not in their hearts trust one another, but do drive several ways, all of them. In short, he doth bless himself that he is no more concerned in matters now and the hopes he hath of being at liberty, when his accounts are over, to retire into the country. That he doth give over the Kingdom for wholly lost. So after some other little discourse, I away; and meeting Mr. Cooling, I with him by coach to the Wardrobe, where I never was since the Fire, in Hatton garden, but did not light; and he tells me he fears that my Lord Sandwich will suffer much by Mr. Townsends' being untrue to him, he being now unable to give the Commissioners of the Treasury an account of his money received, by many thousands of pounds – which I am troubled for. This day I did carry money out and paid several debts; among others, my tailor, and shoemaker, and draper, Sir W. Turner, who begun to talk of the commission of accounts, wherein he is one; but though they are the greatest people that ever were in the nation as to power, and like to be our judges, yet I did never speak one word to him of desiring favour or bidding him joy in it; but did answer him to what he said, and do resolve to stand and fall by my silent preparing to answer