

Parliament, it being a thing that will, it may be, recommend him to them when they shall find that the not having of a peace lies on his side, by denying some of their demands.

11. Up betimes and to my office, and there busy till the office (which was only Sir T. Harvy and myself) met; and did little business and then broke up. He tells me that the Council last night did sit close, to determine of the King's answer about the peace; and that though he doth not certainly know, yet by all discourse yesterday, he doth believe it is peace; and that the King had said it should be peace and had bidden Ald. Backewell to declare upon the Change.

12. After dinner to St. James's, but missed Sir W. Coventry; and so home and there find my wife in a dogged humour for my not dining at home, and I did give her a pull by the nose and some ill words, which she provoked me to by something she spoke, that we fell extraordinarily out; insomuch, that I going to the office to avoid further anger, she followed me in a devilish manner thither, and with much ado I got her into the garden out of hearing, to prevent shame; and so home, and by degrees I found it necessary to calme her, and did; and then to the office, where pretty late, and then to walk with her in the garden, and so to supper and pretty good friends; and so to bed – with my mind very quiet.

13. Up pretty betimes, it being mighty hot weather and I lying this night (which I have not done I believe since a boy; I am sure not since before I had the stone before) with only a rugg and sheet upon me. To my chamber, and my wife up to do something and by chance we fell out again; but I to the office, and there we did at the board much business, though the most was the dividing of 500*l* (which the Lords Comissioners have with great difficulty found upon our letter to them this week that would have required 5000*l*) among a great many occasions. After rising, my Lord Anglesy, this being the second time of his being with us, did take me aside and asked me where I lived, because he would be glad to have some discourse with me. This I liked well enough, and told him I would wait upon him, which I will do; and so all broke up, and I home to dinner, where Mr. Pierce dined with us; who tells us what troubles me, that my Lord Buckhurst hath got Nell away from the King's House, lies with her, and gives her 100*l* a year, so as she hath sent