

discourse of the rest, methinks I see how the government and management of the greatest business of the three nations is committed to very ordinary heads, saving my Lord; and in effect, is only upon him, who is able to do what he please with them, they not having the meanest degree of reason to be able to oppose anything that he says. And so I fear it is ordered but like all the rest of the King's public affayres. The council being up, they most of them went away, only Sir W. Penn, who stayed to dine there, and did so; but the wind being high, the ship (though the motion of it was hardly discernible to the eye) did make me sick, so as I could not eat anything almost. After dinner Cocke did pray me to help him to 500l of W. How, who is Deputy-Treasurer, wherein my Lord Bruncker and I am to be concerned; and I did ask it my Lord, and he did consent to have us furnished with 500l, and I did get it paid to Sir Roger Cuttance and Mr. Pierce in part for above 1000l-worth of goods, Mace, Nuttmeggs, Cynamon, and Cloves. And he tells us we may hope to get 500l by it – which God send. Great spoil, I hear, there hath been of the two East India ships, and that yet they will come in to the King very rich – so that I hope this journy will be worth 100l to me.¹ After having paid this money, we took leave of my Lord, and so to our Yacht again, having seen many of my friends there. Among others, I hear that W. Howe will grow very rich by this last business and grows very proud and insolent by it – but it is what I ever expected. I hear by everybody how much my poor Lord of Sandwich was concerned for me during my silence awhile, lest I had been dead of the plague in this sickly time.

No sooner come into the Yacht, though overjoyed with the good work we have done today, but I was overcome with seasickness, so that I begun to spew soundly – and so continued a good while – till at last I went into the Cabbin, and shutting my eys, my trouble did cease, that I fell asleep; which continued till we came into Chatham River, where the water was smooth, and then I rose and was very well. And the tide coming to be against us, we did land before we came to Chatham and walked a mile – having very good discourse by the way – it being dark and it beginning to rain just as we got

1. Two Dutch E. Indiamen (the *Phoenix* and the *Slot van Honingen*) had been captured by Sandwich. Most imprudently he had allowed his officers and seamen to take some of the goods before they were judged to be prize in the prize court. He came under heavy criticism and in December 1665 was sent off to Spain as ambassador in consequence. Pepys very soon sold the goods he now purchased.