

sentences in Divinity, which he is never like to make use of. Here he and I sat till the Comptroller came; and then we put off for Deptford – where we went on board the Kings pleasure-boat that Comissioner Pett is making; and endeed, it will be a most pretty thing. From thence to Comissioner Petts lodging and there had a good breakefast; and in come the two Sir Wms from Walthamstow. And so we sat down and did a great deal of public business about the fitting of the fleet that is now going out.

20. Here comes my boy to tell me that the Duke of Yorke hath sent for all the Principall officers &c to come to him today. So I went by water to Mr. Coventrys and there stayed and talked a good while with him till all the rest came. We went up and saw the Duke dress himself, and in his night habitt he is a very plain man. Then he sent us to his closet, where we saw, among other things, two very fine chests covered with gold and Indian varnish, given him by the East India Company of Holland. The Duke comes; and after he had told us that the fleet was designed for Algier (which was kept from us till now), we did advise about many things as to the fitting of the fleet and so went away. And from thence to the Privy Seale, where little to do. So to the Cockpitt; and there, by favour of one Mr. Bowman, got in and saw *The Humorsome Lieutenant* acted before the King, but not very well done. But my pleasure was great to see the manner of it; and so many great beauties, but above all Mrs. Palmer, with whom the King doth discover a great deal of Familiarity.

21. In the morning we were troubled to hear it rain as it did, because of the great show tomorrow. After I was ready, I walked to my father's. Then I went home; and all the way is so thronged with people to see the Triumphall Arches that I could hardly pass for them.

22. *King's going from the Tower to Whitehall*¹

Up earely and made myself as fine as I could, and put on my velvet coat, the first day that I put it on though made half a year ago: and being ready, Sir W. Batten, my Lady, and his two daughters and his

1. The last occasion on which this part of the coronation ceremonies was performed.