

This is the second time I ever struck him.

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2. Up and by water to Whitehall; and so to St. James to Mr. Coventry, where I had an hour's private talk with him. Most of it was discourse concerning his own condition, at present being under the censure of the House, being concerned with others in the Bill for selling of offices. He undertakes to prove that he did never take a token of any Captain to get him employed in his life beforehand, or demanded anything. And for the other accusation, that the Cavaliers are not employed, he looked over the list of them now in the service, and of the 27 that are employed, 13 have been heretofore alway under the King. Two, Neutralls; and the other 12 men of great courage and such as had either the King's perticular command or great recomendacion to put them in, and none by himself. Besides that, he says it is not the King's nor Dukes opinion that the whole party of the late officers should be rendered desperate; and lastly, he confesses that the more of the Cavaliers are put in, the less of discipline hath fallowed in the fleet; and that whenever there comes occasion, it must be the old ones that must do any good – there being none, he says, but Capt. Allen good for anything of them all.

3. To the Exchange and thence home to dinner, taking Deane of Woolwich along with me; and he dined alone with me, [my] wife being undressed, and he and I spent all the afternoon finely, learning of him the method of drawing the lines of a ship, to my great satisfaction; and which is well worth my spending some time in, as I shall do when my wife is gone into the country. In the evening to the office and did some business. Then home and, God forgive me, did from my wife's unwillingness to tell me whither she had sent the boy, presently suspect that he was gone to Pembleton's, and from that occasion grew so discontented that I could hardly speak or sleep all night.

4. I did by a wile get out of my boy that he did not yesterday go to Pembleton's or thereabouts, but only was sent at that time for some starch; and I did see him bring home some – and yet all this cannot