

Parliament in another. At noon thence toward the committee; but meeting with Sir W. Warren in Fleet street, he and I to the ordinary by Temple bar and there dined together, and to talk, where he doth seem to be very high now in defiance of the Board: now he says that the worst is come upon him, to have his accounts brought to the Committee of Accounts, and he doth reflect upon my late coldness to him; but upon the whole, I do find that he is still a cunning fellow, and will find it necessary to be fair to me; and what hath passed between us of kindness, to hold his tongue – which doth please me very well. Thence to the Committee, where I did deliver the several things they expected from me with great respect and show of satisfaction, and my mind thereby eased of some care. But thence I to Westminster hall and there spent till late at night, walking to and again with many people; and there in general I hear of the great high words that was in the House on Saturdy last, upon the first part of the Committee's Report about the dividing of the fleet;¹ wherein some would have the counsels of the King to be declared, and the reasons of them and who did give them; where Sir W. Coventry lay open to them the consequences of doing that, that the King would never have any honest and wise men ever to be of his Council. They did here in the House talk boldly of the King's bad counsellors, and how they must be all turned out, and many of them, and better, brought in; and the proceedings of the Long Parliament in the beginning of the war were called to memory. And the King's bad intelligence was mentioned, wherein they were bitter against my Lord Arlington; saying, among other things, that whatever Morrices was, who declared he had but 750*l* a year allowed him for intelligence, the King paid too dear for my Lord Arlington's in giving him 1000*l* and a Barony for it. Some mutterings I did hear of a design of dissolveing the Parliament, but I think there is no ground for it yet, though Oliver would have dissolved them for half the trouble and contempt these have put upon the King and his councils. The dividing of the fleet, however, is I hear voted a miscarriage, and the not building a fortification at Sherenesse; and I have reason every hour to expect that they will vote the like of our paying men off by ticket; and what the consequence of that will be I know not, but am put thereby into great trouble of mind. I did spend a little time at the Swan, and there did kiss the maid Sarah. At night home, and there up to my wife,

1. In the Four Days Battle, June 1666: see above, p. 630 (10 June) & n.