

they must fall, and they are now near it, taking all the ways they can to undo themselves and showing us the way;” and thereupon told me a story of the present quarrel between the Bishop and Deane of Coventry and Lichfield; the former of which did excommunicate the latter and caused his excommunication to be read in the church while he was there; and after it was read, the Deane made the service be gone through with, though himself, an excommunicate, was present (which is contrary to the Canon), and said he would justify the Quire therein against the Bishop; and so they are at law in the Arches about it – which is a very pretty story. He tells me that the King is for Toleration, though the Bishops be against it; and that he doth not doubt but it will be carried in Parliament but that he fears some will stand for the tolerating of papists with the rest; and that he knows not what to say to, but rather thinks that the sober party will be without it rather than have it upon those terms – and I do believe so. Here we broke off, and I home to dinner; and after dinner set down my wife and Deb at the Change, and I to make a visit to Mr. Godolphin at his lodgings; who is come late from Spain from my Lord Sandwich, and did the other day, meeting me in Whitehall, compliment me mightily; and so I did offer him this visit, but missed him. And so back and took up my wife and set her at Mrs. Turner’s, and I to my bookbinder’s and there till late at night, binding up my second part of my Tanger accounts; and I all the while observing his working and his manner of gilding books with great pleasure; and so home and there busy late, and then to bed.

✱FEBRUARY✱

2. *Lords day*. Wife took physic this day. I all day at home, and all the morning setting my books in order in my presses for the fallowing year, their number being much encreased since the last, so as I am fain to lay by several books to make room for better, being resolved to keep no more then just my presses will contain. At noon to dinner, my wife coming down to me; and a very good dinner we had, of a powdered leg of pork and a loin of lamb roasted – and with much content, she and I and Deb. After dinner, my head combed an hour together, and then to work again – and at it, doing many things towards the setting my accounts and papers in order;