

and Prince Rupert's narratives<sup>1</sup> this day; wherein the former doth most severely lay matters upon him, so as the House this day have I think ordered him to the Tower again. I did then go down, and there met with Coll. Reemes and Cosen Rogr. Pepys; and there they do tell me how the Duke of Albemarle and the Prince have lay blame on a great many; and perticularly on our office in general, and perticularly for want of provisions, wherein I shall come to be questioned again in that business myself; which doth trouble me.

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2. Up, and to the office, where busy all the morning. At noon home; and after dinner, my wife and Willett and I to the King's House and there saw *Henry the Fourth*; and contrary to expectation, was pleased in nothing more then in Cartwright's speaking of Falstaffe's speech about *What is Honour?* The house full of Parliament-men, it being holiday with them. And it was observable how a gentleman of good habitt, sitting just before us eating of some fruit, in the midst of the play did drop down as dead, being choked; but with much ado, Orange Mall did thrust her finger down his throat and brought him to life again. After the play, we home and I busy at the office late; and then home to supper and to bed.

4. Sir H. Cholmly and I to the Excise Office to see what tallies are paying; and thence back to the Old Exchange, by the way talking of news, and he owning Sir W. Coventry in his opinion to be one of the worthiest men in the nation – as I do really think he is. He tells me he doth think really that they will cut off my Lord Chancellor's head, the Chancellor at this day showing as much pride as is possible to those few that venture their fortunes by coming to see him; and that the Duke of York is troubled much, knowing that those that fling down the Chancellor cannot stop there, but will do something to him to prevent his having it in his power hereafter to revenge himself and father-in-law upon them. And this, Sir H. Cholmly fears, may be by divorcing the Queen and getting another, or declaring the Duke of Monmouth legitimate – which

1. Reports presented to the Commons' committee on the miscarriages of the war.