

the Southward. Most think against Argier against the Turke, or to the East Indys against the Dutch – who we hear are setting out a great fleet thither.<sup>1</sup>

## ✱MARCH✱

1. To Whitefryers and saw *The Bondman* acted – an excellent play and well done – but above all that ever I saw, Baterton doth the Bondman the best. Then to my father's and find my mother ill. After staying a while with them, then I went home – and sat up late, spending my thoughts how to get money to bear me out in my great expense at the Coronacion, against which all provide – and Scaffolds setting up in every street. I have many designs in my head to get some, but know not which will take. To bed.

4. My Lord went this morning on his journey to Hinchbrooke, Mr. Packer with him; the chief business being to look over and determine how and in what manner his great work of building<sup>2</sup> shall be done.

7. This morning Sir Wms both went to Woolwich to sell some old provisions there. I to Whitehall and up and down about many businesses. Dined at my Lord's. Then to Mr. Crew to Mr. Moore and he and I to London to Guildhall to see the seamen paid off; but could not without trouble. And so I took him to the Fleece tavern, where the pretty woman that Luellin lately told me the story of dwells; but I could not see her. Then towards home; and met Spicer, D. Vines, Ruddiard and a company more of my old acquaintances and went into a place to drink some ale; and there we stayed playing the fools till late; and so I home.

8. All the morning at the office. At noon Sir W. Batten, Coll. Slingsby and I by coach to the tower, to Sir John Robinsons, to dinner. Where great good cheer. High company; among others, the Duchess of Albemerle, who is even a plain, homely dowdy. I was much contented to ride in such state into the towre and be received

1. The English fleet in fact went in June to Algiers and Portugal.

2. Hinchbrooke was now partially rebuilt and the garden redesigned.