

the City which he was upon before the City was burned, like Gombout of Paris; which I am glad of. At noon home to dinner, where my wife and I fell out, I being displeased with her cutting away a lace hankercher so wide about the neck, down to her breasts almost, out of belief, but without reason, that it is the fashion. Here we did give one another the lie too much, but were presently friends; and then I to my office, where very late and did much business; and then home, and there find Mr. Batelier – and did sup and play at Cards awhile. But he tells me the news how the King of France hath, in defiance to the King of England, caused all his footmen to be put into Vests, and that the noblemen of France will do the like; which, if true, is the greatest indignity ever done by one prince to another.<sup>1</sup> So I left my people at Cards, and to my chamber to read, and then to bed. Batelier did bring us some oysters tonight, and some bottles of new French wine of this year, mighty good – but I drank but little. This noon Bagwell's wife was with me at the office, and I did what I would; and at night came Mrs. Burroughs, and appointed to meet upon the next holiday and go abroad together.

25. *Lords day.* Up, and with Sir J. Mennes by coach to Whitehall; and there coming late, I to rights to the chapel – where in my usual place I heard one of the King's chaplains, one Mr. Floyd, preach. He was out two or three times in his prayer, and as many in his sermon; but yet he made a most excellent good sermon, of our duty to imitate the lives and practice of Christ and the saints departed. And did it very handsomely, and excellent style – but was a little over-large in magnifying the graces of the nobility and prelates that we have seen in our memories in the world, whom God hath taken from us. Thence into the Court, and there delivered copies of my report to my Lord Treasurer, to the Duke of York, Sir W. Coventry, and others. And attended there till the Council met, and then was called in and I read my letter. My Lord Treasurer declared that the King had nothing to give till the Parliament did give him some money. So the King did of himself bid me to declare to all that would take our tallies for payment, that he should, as soon as the Parliament's money doth come in, take back their tallies and give them money – which I giving him occasion to repeat to me (it coming from him against the *gré*, I perceive, of my Lord Treasurer),

i. cf. above, p. 682 (15 October) & n.