

Act for Indemnity to the soldiers and officers that would come in in so many days, and that my Lord Lambert should have benefit of the said Act. They have also voted that all vacancy in the House by the death of any of the old members shall be filled up; but those that are living shall not be called in. Thence I went home; and there found Mr. Hunt and his wife and Mr. Hawly, who sat with me till 10 at night at cards, and so broke up. And to bed.

4. Early came Mr. Vanly to me for his half-year's rent, which I had not in the house, but took his man to my office and there paid him. Then I went down into the Hall and to Will's, where Hawly brought a piece of his Cheshire cheese, and we were merry with it. Then into the Hall again, where I met with the Clerk and quartermaster of my Lord's troop, and took them to the Swan and gave them their morning's draught, they being just come to town. Mr. Jenkins showed me two bills of exchange for money to receive upon my Lord's and my pay. It snowed hard all this morning and was very cold, and my nose was much swelled with cold. Strange, the difference of men's talk: some say that Lambert must of necessity yield up; others, that he is very strong, and that the Fifth-monarchy men will stick to him if he declares for a free Parliament. I heard that the Parliament spent this day in fast and prayer; and that my Lord Lambert his forces were all forsaking him and that he was left with only 50 horse and that he did now declare for the Parliament himself. Home and so to bed; but much troubled with my nose, which was much swelled.

5. I dined with Mr. Sheply at my Lord's lodgings upon his turkey pie; and so to my office again, where the Excise money was brought and some of it told to soldiers till it was dark. Then I went home, and after writing a letter to my Lord, and told him the news that the Parliament hath this night voted that the members that was discharged from setting in the years 1648 and 49 was duly discharged, and that there should be writs issued presently for the calling of others in their places. And that Monke and Fairfax were commanded up to town, and that the Prince's lodgings were to be provided for Monke at Whitehall. Then I went with my lanthorn to Mr. Fage to consult concerning my nose, who told me that it was nothing but cold; and after that, we did discourse concerning public business, and he told me that it is true the City hath not time enough to do much, but they are resolved to shake off the soldier[s]; and