

God forbid. He tells me he doth verily believe that there will come in an Impeachment of high treason against my Lord of Ormond; among other things, for ordering the quartering of soldiers in Ireland on free quarter, which it seems is high treason in that country and was one of the things that lost the Lord Strafford his head.

7. Up, and at the office hard all the morning; and at noon resolve with Sir W. Penn to go see *The Tempest*, an old play of Shakespeares, acted here the first day. And so my wife and girl and W. Hewer by themselves, and Sir W. Penn and I afterward by ourselves, and forced to sit in the side Balcone over against the Musique-room at the Dukes House, close by my Lady Dorsett and a great many great ones: the house mighty full, the King and Court there, and the most innocent play that ever I saw, and a curious piece of Musique in an Echo of half-sentences, the Echo repeating the former half while the man goes on to the latter, which is mighty pretty. The play no great wit; but yet good, above ordinary plays. Thence home with W. Penn, and there all mightily pleased with the play; and so to supper and to bed, after having done at the office.

11. Up, and to Simpson at work in my office; and thence with Sir G. Carteret (who came to talk with me) to Broad streete, where great crowding of people for money, at which he blessed himself. Thence with him and Lord Brouncker to Capt. Cockes (he out of doors) and there drunk their morning draught; and thence G. Carteret and I toward the Temple in coach together, and there he did tell me how the King doth all he can in the world to overthrow my Lord Chancellor, and that notice is taken of every man about the King that is not seen to promote the ruine of the Chancellor; and that this being another great day in his business, he dares not but be there. He tells me that as soon as Secretary Morrice brought the great Seale from my Lord Chancellor, Babb. May fell upon his knees and ketched the King about the legs and joyed him, and said that this was the first time that ever he could call him King of England, being freed this great man – which was a most ridiculous saying.

15. To Westminster, and there I walked with several and do hear that there is to be a conference between the two Houses today; so I stayed, and it was only to tell the Commons that the Lords cannot