

after he had done before all the church, to go up to the pulpitt to preach without it. Home and dined; and Mr. Sympson, my Joyner that doth my dining-room, and my brother Tom with me to a delicate fat pig. Then to church again and heard a simple Scott preach most tediously. So home and then to see Sir W. Batten, who is pretty well again; and then to my uncle Wights to show my fine band and to see Mrs. Margtt Wight, but she was not there. All this day, soldiers going up and down the towne, there being an alarme and many Quakers and others clapped up; but I believe without any reason. Only, they say in Dorsettshire there hath been some rising discovered. So after supper home and then to my study; and making up my monthly account to myself, I find myself, by my expense in bands and clothes this month, abated a little of my last, and that I am worth 679*l* still; for which God be praised. So home and to bed, with quiet mind, blessed be God, but afeared of my candle's going out, which makes me write thus slubberingly.

27. To my Lord Sandwich, who nowadays calls me into his chamber, and alone did discourse with me about the jealousys that the Court hath of people's rising; wherein he doth much dislike my Lord Monkes being so eagre against a company of poor wretches, dragging them up and down the street: but would have him rather to take some of the greatest ringleaders of them and punish them; whereas this doth but tell the world the King's fears and doubts. Thence to Westminster hall and walked there long with Mr. Creede; and then to the great half-Crowne ordinary at the King's head near Charing Crosse, where we had a most excellent neat dinner and very high company, and in a noble manner. After dinner he and I into another room over a pot of ale and talked. He showed me¹ our commission, wherein the Duke of Yorke – Prince Robt., Duke of Albemarle, Lord Peterburgh, Lord Sandwich, Sir G. Carteret, Sir Wm. Compton, Mr. Coventry, Sir R. Ford, Sir Wm. Rider, Mr. Cholmly, Mr. Povy, myself, and Capt. Cuttance, in this order, are joyned for the carrying on the service of Tanger – which I take for a great honour to me. He told me what great faction there is at Court. And above all, what is whispered, that young Crofts is lawful son to the King, the King being married to his mother. How true this is, God knows. But I believe the Duke of Yorke will not be fooled in this of three crowns. Thence to

1. Pepys remained a member of the committee until 1679 and served as its Treasurer from March 1665.