

dined. So to Whitehall, where I stayed till the Duke of York came from hunting, which he did by and by; and when dressed, did come out to dinner, and there I waited; and he did tell me that tomorrow was to be the great day that the business of the Navy would be discoursed of before the King and his Caball; and that he must stand on his guard and did design to have had me in readiness by, but upon second thoughts did think it better to let it alone. But they are now upon entering into the Æconomicall part of the Navy. Here he dined, and did mightily magnify his Sawce which he did then eat with everything, and said it was the best universal sauce in the world – it being taught him by the Spanish Imbassador – made of some parsley and a dry toast, beat in a mortar together with vinegar, salt, and a little pepper. He eats it with flesh or fowl or fish. And then he did now mightily commend some new sort of wine lately found out, called Navarr wine; which I tasted, and is I think good wine; but I did like better the notion of the Sawce and by and by did taste it, and liked it mighty. After dinner I did what I went for, which was to get his consent that Balty might hold his muster-maister's place by deputy, in his new imployment which I design for him about the Storekeeper's accounts; which the Duke of York did grant me, and I was mighty glad of it. Thence to the office, and there very busy and did much business till late at night; and so home to supper, and with great pleasure to bed.

12. Up and my wife with me to Whitehall, and Tom, and there she sets us down; and there to wait on the Duke of York, with the rest of us, at the Robes; where the Duke of York did tell us that the King would have us prepare a draft of the present Administracion of the Navy, and what it was in the late times – in order to his being able to distinguish between the good and the bad; which I shall do, but to do it well will give me a great deal of trouble. Here we showed him Sir J. Mennes's propositions about balancing storekeepers accounts; and I did show him Hosiers, which did please him mighty, and he will have it showed the Council and King anon, to be put in practice.

14. *Lords day.* Up and by coach to Sir W. Coventry; and there, he taking physic, I with him all the morning, full of very good discourse of the Navy and public matters, to my great content; wherein I find him doubtful that all will be bad; and for his part, he tells me he takes no more care for anything more then in the