

Mennes in his coach to Whitehall, but did nothing; but by water to Strand bridge and thence walked to my Lord Treasurer's, where the King, Duke of York, and the Caball, and much company without; and a fine day. Anon comes out from the Caball my Lord Hollis and Mr. H. Coventry, who it is conceived have received their instructions from the King this day; they being to begin their journey towards their treaty at Bredagh speedily, their passes being come. Here I saw Lady Northumberland and her daughter-in-law (my Lord Treasurer's daughter), my Lady Piercy, a beautiful lady endeed. So away back by water; and left Balty at Whitehall, and I to Mrs. Martin and there haze todo which yo would hazer con her; and so by coach home and there to my chamber; and then to supper and bed – having not had time to make up my accounts of this month at this very day, but will in a day or two and pay my forfeit for not doing it, though business hath most hindered me. The month shuts up, only with great desires of peace in all of us, and a belief that we shall have a peace in most people, if a peace can be had on any terms, for there is a necessity of it; for we cannot go on with the war, and our maisters are afeared to come to depend upon the good will of the Parliament any more as I do hear.

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2. Up and to the office, where all the morning sitting; and much trouble, but little business done for want of money, which makes me mighty melancholy. At noon home to dinner, and Mr. Deane with me; who hath promised me a very fine draught of the *Rupert*, which he will make purposely for me with great perfection; which he will make one of the beautifullest things that ever was seen of that kind in the world – she being a ship that will deserve it. Then to the office, where all the afternoon very busy; and in the evening, weary home; and there to sing, but vexed with the unreadiness of the girl's voice to learn the latter part of my song,<sup>1</sup> though I confess it is very hard half-notes. So to supper and to bed.

3. Up and with Sir W. Batten to Whitehall to Sir W. Coventry's chamber, and there did receive the Duke's order for Balty's

1. *It is decreed.*