

(observing the King's barge attending his going to the House this day) home, it being about one a-clock.

So got myself ready and shifting myself; and so by water to Westminster and there came, most luckily, to the Lords House as the House of Comons were going into the Lords' House, and there I crowded in along with the Speaker – and got to stand close behind him – where he made his speech to the King (who sat with his crown on and robes, and so all the Lords in their robes, a fine sight); wherein he told his Majesty what they have done this parliment, and now offered for his Royall consent. The Speakers speech was far from any Oratory, but was as plain (though good matter) as anything could be and void of elocution. After the bills passed, the King, sitting in his throne with his speech writ in a paper which he held in his lap and scarce looked off of it, I thought, all the time he made his speech to them – giving them thanks for their subsidys. He desired that nothing of old faults should be remembred, or severity for the same used to any in the country, it being his desire to have all forgot as well as forgiven. But however, to use all care in suppressing any tumults, &c.; assuring them that the restless spirits of his and their adversarys have great expectations of something to be done this summer. So to Whitehall and by water to the Bridge; and so home to bed – weary and well pleased with my Journy in all respects. Only, it cost me about 20s.; but it was for my health and I hope will prove so. Only, I do find by my riding a little swelling to arise just by my Anus. I had the same the last time I rode, and then it fell again; and now it is up again about the bigness of the bagg of a Silkeworme. Makes me fearful of a Rupture, but I will speak to Mr. Hollyard about it, and I am glad to find it now, that I may prevent it before it goes too far.

28. Up, after sleeping very well; and so to my office, setting down the Journall of this last three days. And so settled to business again – I hope with greater chearefullnesse and successe by this refreshment.

31. Up earely to my accounts this month; and I find myself worth clear 730l – the most I ever had yet; which contents me, though I encrease but very little. To the Exchange, where I met Dr. Pierce, who tells me as a friend, the great Injury that he thinks I do myself by being so Severe in the yards, and contracting the ill will of the whole Navy for those offices singly upon myself. Now I discharge