

upon consultation, had stopped at the Cocke, a mile a-this-side Barnett, being unwilling to put ourselfs to the charge or doubtful acceptance of any provision against my Lord's coming by, and there got something and dined, setting a boy to look towards Barnett hill against their coming. And after two or three false alarms they came, and we met the coach very gracefully, and I had a kind receipt from both Lord and Lady as I could wish and some kind discourse; and then rode by the coach a good way and so fell to discoursing with several of the people there, being a dozen attending the coach and another coach for the maids and parson. Among others, talking with W. Howe, he told me how my Lord in his hearing the other day did largely tell my Lord Peterburgh and Povy (who went with them down to Hinchingbrooke) how and when he discarded Creed and took me to him; and that since, the Duke of Yorke hath several times thanked him for me – which did not a little please me. And anon, I desiring Mr. Howe to tell me upon [what] occasion this discourse happened, he desired me to say nothing of it now, for he would not have my Lord to take notice of our being together, but he would tell me another time – which put me into some trouble to think what he meant by it; but when we came to my Lord's house, I went in; and whether it was my Lord's neglect or general indifference I know not, but he made me no kind of compliment there and methinks the young ladies look somewhat highly upon me. So I went away without bidding adieu to anybody, being desirous not to be thought too servile; but I do hope and believe that my Lord doth yet value me as high as ever, though he dares not admit me to the freedom he once did – and that my Lady is still the same woman. So rode home and there found my uncle Wight. Tis an odd thing, as my wife tells me, his caressing<sup>★</sup> her and coming on purpose to give her visitts; but I do not trouble myself for him at all, but hope the best and very good effects of it. He being gone, I eat something and my wife – I told all this day's passages, and she to give me very good and rationall advice how to behave myself to my Lord and his family, by slighting everybody but my Lord and Lady and not to seem to have the least society or fellowship with them; which I am resolved to do, knowing that it is my high carriage that must do me good there, and to appear in good clothes and garbe. To the office a little; and being weary, early home and to bed.

27. Up, but weary, and to the office, where we sat all the