

hath power, if he would, to maister all these with the money and men that he hath had the command of, and may now have if he would mind his business. But for [aught] we see, the Kingdom is likely to be lost, as well as the reputation of it is, for ever – notwithstanding so much reputation got and preserved by a Rebell that went before him.

This discourse of ours ended with sorrowful reflections upon our condition, and so broke up; and Creed and I got out of the room and away by water to Whitehall, and there he and I waited in the Treasury chamber. By and by, I upon desire was called in and delivered in my report of my accounts: present, Lord Ashly, Clifford, and Duncomb; who being busy, did not read it but committed it to Sir G. Downing, and so I was dismissed. But Lord, to see how Duncomb doth take upon him is an eysore, though I think he deserves great honour; but only, the suddenness of his rise and his pride. But I do like the way of these Lords, that they admit nobody to use many words; nor do they spend many words themselves, but in great state do hear what they see necessary, and say little themselves but bid withdraw. Thence Creed and I by water up to Foxhall; and over against it stopped, thinking to see some cock-fighting, but it was just being done; and therefore back again to the other side and to Spring garden and there eat and drank a little; and then to walk up and down the garden, reflecting upon the bad management of things now compared with what it was in the late rebellious times, when men, some for fear and some for religion, minded their business; which none now do, by being void of both. Much talk of this and other kinds, very pleasant; and so when it was almost night, we home, setting him in at Whitehall, I to [the] Old Swan; and thence home, where to supper and then to read a little; and so to bed.

4. Up and to the office; and there busy all the morning putting in order the answering the great letter sent to the office by the new Commissioners of the Treasury, who demand an account from the King's coming in to this day; which we shall do in the best manner we can. At noon home to dinner; and to the office all the afternoon, where I despatched much business to my great content; and then home in the evening, and there to sing and pipe with my wife; and that being done, she fell all of a sudden to discourse about her clothes and my humours in not suffering her to wear them as she pleases, and grew to high words between us. But I fell to read a