

28. They do tell me that the Duke of Buckingham hath surrendered himself to Secretary Morrice and is going to the Tower. Mr. Fenn at the table says that he hath been taken by the Watch two or three times of late at unseasonable hours, but so disguised that they could not know him (and when I came home by and by, Mr. Lowther tells me that the Duke of Buckingham doth dine publicly this day at Wadlow's at the Sun tavern and is mighty merry, and sent word to the Lieutenant of the Tower that he would come to him as soon as he had dined). Now, how sad a thing it is when we come to make sport of proclaiming men traitors and banishing them, and putting them out of their offices and Privy Council, and of sending to and going to the Tower: God have mercy on us. At table, my Lady and Sir Phill. Carteret have great and good discourse of the greatness of the present King of France; what great things he hath done, that a man may pass at any hour in the night all over that wild city, with a purse in his hand and no danger. That there is not a beggar to be seen in it, nor dirt lying in it. That he hath married two of Colberts daughters to two of the greatest princes of France, and given them portions. Bought the greatest Dukedome in France and given it to Colbert, and ne'er a prince in France dare whisper against it; whereas here, our King cannot do any such thing but everybody's mouth is open against him for it, and the man that hath the favour also. But then they did enlarge upon the slavery of the people: that they are taxed more then the real estates they have; nay, it is an ordinary thing for people to desire to give the King all their land that they have, and themselves become only their tenants and pay him rent to the full value for it, so they may have but their earnings. After dinner Sir G. Carteret came in, and I to him and my Lady and there he did tell me that the business was done between him and my Lord Anglesy: that himself is to have the other's place of Deputy Treasurer of Ireland (which is a place of honour and great profit, being far better (I know not by what reason but a reason there is) then the Treasurer's, my Lord of Corke's) and to give the other his of Treasurer of the Navy. That the King, at his earnest entreaty, did with much unwillingness, but with owning of great obligations to him for his faithful and long service to him and his father; and therefore was willing to grant his desire.

Having done this discourse with Sir G. Carteret and signified my great satisfaction in it, which they seem to look upon as something, I went away; and by coach home and there find my wife making of Tea, a drink which Mr. Pelling the pothecary tells her is good for