

what the debts of 19 of the 25 ships that should have been paid off is encreased since the adjournment of the Parliament – they being to sit again tomorrow. This 5 of November is observed exceeding well in the City; and at night great bonfires and fireworks. At night Mr. Moore came and sat with me, and there I took a book and he did instruct me in many law-notions, in which I took great pleasure. To bed.

6. To the Sun and did give [Mr. Creed and Mr. Chetwind] a barrel of oysters and have good discourse; among other things, Mr. Chetwind told me how he did fear that this late business of the Duke of Yorke's¹ will prove fatal to my Lord Chancellor. From thence Mr. Creed and I to Wilkinsons and dined together; and in great haste thence to our office, where we met all commonly, for the sale of two ships by an inch of candle (the first time that ever I saw any of this kind), where I observed how they do invite one another and at last how they all do cry; and we have much to do to tell who did cry last. The ships were the *Indian* sold for 1300*l*, and the *Halfe moone* sold for 830*l*. Home and fell a-reading of the tryalls of the late men that were hanged for the King's death; and found good satisfaccion in reading thereof. At night to bed; and my wife and I did fall out about the dog's being put down into the Sellar, which I have a mind to have done because of his fouling the house; and I would have my will. And so we went to bed and lay all night in a Quarrell. This night I was troubled all night with a dream that my wife was dead, which made me that I slept ill all night.

7. *office day*. Being sent for in the morning, I went by water to my Lord; where I dined with him. After dinner he bade all go out of the room, and did tell me how the King hath promised him 4000*l* per annum for ever and hath already given him a bill under his hand (which he showed me) for 4000*l* that Mr. Fox is to pay him. My Lord did advise with me how to get this received and to put out 3000*l* into safe hands at use, and the other he will make use of for this present occasion. This he did advise with me about with much Secresy. After all this he called for the Fiddles and books, and we two and W. Howe and Mr. Childe did sing and play some psalmes of Will. Lawes and some songs. And so I went away.

1. See above, p. 84 (7 October) & n. 3.