

she is come, and I wish us good fortune in her.

13. At a committee for Tanger. My Lord Bellasses propositions were read and discoursed of, about reducing the garrison to less charge. And ended, I am mad in love with my Lord Chancellor, for he doth comprehend and speak as well, and with the greatest easiness and authority, that ever I saw man in my life. I did never observe how much easier a man doth speak, when he knows all the company to be below him, then in him; for though he spoke ended excellent well, yet his manner and freedom of doing it, as if he played with it and was informing only all the rest of the company, was mighty pretty. He did call again and again upon Mr. Povy for his accounts. I did think fit to make the solemn tender of my accounts that I intended. I said somethink that was liked, touching the want of money and the bad Creditt of our tallies. My Lord Chancellor moved that without any trouble to any of the rest of the Lords, I might alone attend the King when he was with his private council, and open the state of the garrison's want of credit; and all that could be done, should. Most things moved were referred to committees, and so we broke up.

15. Called up, though a very rainy morning, by Sir H. Cholmly, and he and I most of the morning together, evening of accounts, which I was very glad of. Thence he and I together to Westminster hall – in our way talking of matters and passages of state. The viciousness of the Court. The contempt the King brings himself into thereby. His minding nothing, but doing all things just as his people about him will have it. The Duke of York becoming a slave to this whore Denham – and wholly minds her. That there really was amours between the Duchesse and Sidney. That there is reason to fear that as soon as the Parliament have raised this money, the King will see that he hath got all that he can get, and then make up a peace. He tells me, which I wonder at but that I find it confirmed by Mr. Pierce, whom I met by and by in the Hall, that Sir W. Coventry is of the Caball with the Duke of York and Brouncker, with this Lady Denham, which is a shame and I am sorry for it; and that Sir W. Coventry doth make her visits. But yet I hope it is not so. Pierce tells me that, as little agreement as there is between the Prince and Duke of Albemarle, yet they are likely to go to sea again – for the first will not be trusted alone, and nobody will go with him but this Duke of Albemarle. He tells me much, how all the commanders of