

severity at all. But however, I was in pain, after we came out, to know how I had done – and hear, well enough. But however, it shall be a caution to me to prepare myself against a day of inquisition.

28. Up, and in my new closet a good while, doing business. Then called on by Mrs. Martin and Burroughs of Westminster, about business of the former's husband – which done, I to the office, where we sat all the morning. At noon I with my wife and Mercer to Philpott lane, a great cook's shop, to the wedding of Mr. Longracke our Purveyor, a good sober civil man, and hath married a sober serious mayde. Here I met much ordinary company, going thither at his great request – but there was Mr. Madden and his lady, a fine noble pretty lady – and he a fine gentleman seems to be. We four were most together; but the whole company was very simple and innocent. A good dinner, and what was best, good Musique. After dinner the young women went to dance – among others, Mr. Chr. Pett his daughter, who is a very pretty modest girl – I am mightily taken with her. And that being done, about 5 a-clock home, very well pleased with the afternoon's work. And so we broke up mighty civilly, the bride and bridegroom going to Greenwich (they keeping their dinner here only for my sake) to lie; and we home – where I to the office. And anon am on a sudden called to meet Sir W. Coventry and Sir W. Penn at the Victualling Office, which did put me out of order to be so surprized. But I went, and there Sir W. Coventry did read me a letter from the Generalls to the King, a most scurvy letter, reflecting most upon Sir W. Coventry, and then upon me for my accounts (not that they are not true, but that we do not consider the expense of the fleet), and then of the whole office in neglecting them and the King's service; and this in very plain and sharp and menacing terms. I did give a good account of matters, according to our computation of the expense of the fleet. I find Sir W. Coventry willing enough to accept of anything to confront the Generalls. But a great supply must be made, and shall be, in grace of God; but however, our accounts here will be found the true ones. Having done here, and much work set me, I with greater content home then I thought I should have done; and so to the office awhile, and then home and a while in my new closet, which delights me every day more and more. And so late to bed.

29. To St James's, and there Sir W. Coventry took Sir W. Penn