

keeping her within doors; which ended I do not well nor wisely in.

29. Up, being visited very early by Creed, newly come from Hinchbrooke; who went thither without my knowledge, and I believe only to save being taxed to the Poll Bill. By and by to Whitehall to Sir G. Carteret to dinner, where very good company and discourse; and I think it my part to keep in there now more than ordinary, because of the probability of my Lord's coming soon home. Our commissioners for the treaty set out this morning betimes down the River. Here I hear that the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of York's son, is very sick – and my Lord Treasurer very bad of the stone, and hath been so some days. After dinner, Sir G. Carteret and I alone in his closet an hour or more, talking of my Lord Sandwiches coming home; which, the peace being likely to be made here, he expects, both for my Lord's sake and his own (whose interest he wants) it will be best for him to be at home. He says, if my Lord were here, he were the fittest man to be Lord Treasurer of any man in England. And he thinks it might be compassed, for he confesses that the King's matters do suffer through the inability of this man, who is likely to die; and he will propound him to the King – it will remove him from his place at sea, and the King will have a good place to bestow. He says to me that he could wish, when my Lord comes, that he would think fit to forbear playing, as a thing below him and which will lessen him as it doth my Lord St. Albans, in the King's esteem. And as a great secret, tells me that he hath made a match for my Lord Hinchbrooke, to a daughter of my Lord Burlington's; where there is great alliance, 10000*l* portion, a civil family, and relation to my Lord Chancellor, whose son hath married one of the daughters; and that my Lord Chancellor doth take it with very great kindness, so that he doth hold himself obliged by it. My Lord Sandwich hath referred it to my Lord Crew, Sir G. Carteret, and Mr. Mountagu to end it – my Lord Hinchbrooke and the lady know nothing yet of it. It will, I think, be very happy. Very glad of this discourse, I away, mightily pleased with the confidence I have in this family; and so away, took up my wife, who was at her mother's, and so home; where I settled to my chamber about my accounts, both Tanger and private, and up at it till 12 at night with good success, when news is brought me that there is a great fire in Southworke; so we up to the leads, and then I and the boy down to the end of our lane and there saw it, it