

among such high company – while Mr. Mount, my Lady Duchesses gentleman-usher, stood waiting at table, whom I ever thought a man so much above me in all respects. Also, to hear the discourse of so many high Cavaleers of things past – it was of great content and joy to me.

9. To my Lord's, where we find him newly come from Hinchbrooke, where he left my uncle very well, but my aunt not likely to live. I stayed and dined with him. He took me asside and asked me what the world spoke of the King's marriage. Which I answering as one that knew nothing, he enquired no further of me. But I do perceive by it that there is something in it that is ready to come out, that the world knows not of yet.

10. *Lords day.* Heard Mr. Mills in the morning, a good sermon. Dined at home on a poor Lenten dinner of Coleworts and bacon. In the afternoon again to church and there heard one Castle, whom I knew of my year in Cambrige: he made a dull sermon.

14. With Sir W. Batten and Pen to Mr. Coventry's and there had a dispute about my claime to the place of Pourveyor for Petty provisions. And at last, to my content did conclude to have my hand to all the bills for those provisions and Mr. Turner to purvey them, because I would not have him to lose the place. Then to my Lord's; and so with Mr. Creed to an alehouse, where he told me a long story of his amours at Portsmouth to one of one Mrs. Boates daughters – which was very pleasant. Dined with my Lord and Lady; and so with Mr. Creed to the Theatre, and there saw *King and no King*, well acted. Thence with him to the Cock-ale house at Temple barr, where he did aske my advice about his amours and I did give it him; which was to enquire into the condition of his competitor, which is a son of Mr. Gawdens; and that I promised to do for him – and he to make [what] use he can of it to his advantage. Home and to bed.

19. We met at the office this morning about some perticular business. And then I to Whitehall and there dined with my Lord; and after dinner Mr. Creed and I to Whitefriars, where we saw *The Bondman* acted most excellently; and though I have seen it often, yet I am every time more and more pleased with Batterton's action.