

both ingenious men I hear. Thence my wife and I to the park, and pretty store of company, and so home with great content: and so ends the month – my mind in pretty good content for all things but the designs on foot to bring alterations in the Office; which troubles me.

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2. Up and by water to Whitehall, and there with the Office attended the Duke of York, and stayed in Whitehall till about noon; and so with W. Hewer to the Cock, and there he and I dined alone with great content, he reading to me, for my memory sake, my late collections of the history of the Navy, that I might represent the same by and by to the Duke of York; and so after dinner he and I to Whitehall and there to the Duke of York's lodgings, whither he by and by, by his appointment, came; and alone with him an hour in his closet, telling him mine and W. Coventry's advice touching the present posture of the Navy, as the Duke of Buckingham and the rest do now labour to make changes therein; and that it were best for him to suffer the King to be satisfied with the bringing in of a man or two which they desire. I did also give the Duke of York a short account of the history of the Navy, as to our Office, wherewith he was very well satisfied; but I do find that he is pretty stiff against their bringing in of men against his mind, as the Treasurers were, and particularly against Child's coming in, because he is a merchant. This night I did bring home from the King's potticary's in Whitehall, by Mr. Cooling's direction, a water that he says did him mighty good for his eyes; I pray God it may do me good, but by his description, his disease was the same as mine, and this doth encourage me to use it.

5. To the Mullberry garden, where Sheres is to treat us with a Spanish *Oleo* by a cook of his acquaintance that is there, that was with my Lord in Spain. And without any other company, he did do it, and mighty nobly; and the *Oleo* was ended a very noble dish, such as I never saw better, or any more of. This, and the discourse he did give us of Spain, and description of the Escuriall, was a fine treat. So we left other things that would keep till night for a collation – and with much content took coach again and went five