

where I met with Mr. Turner of the Navy Office, who did look after the place of Clerk of the Acts. He was very civil to me and I to him, and shall be so. There came a letter from my Lady Monke to my Lord about it this evening. But he refused to come to her; but meeting in Whitehall with Sir Tho. Clerges, her brother, my Lord returned answer that he would not desist in my business. And that he believed that Gen. Monke would take it ill if my Lord should name the officers in his army. And therefore he desired to have the naming of one officer in the fleet. At Dorsett house I met with Mr. Kipps my old friend, with whom the world is well changed, he being now seal-bearer to the Lord Chancellor, at which my wife and I are very well pleased, he being a very good-natured man. Home, and late writing letters. Then to my Lord's lodgings, this being the first night of his coming to Whitehall to lie since his coming from sea.

27. With my Lord to the Duke, where he spoke to Mr. Coventry to despatch my business of the Acts, in which place everybody gives me joy, as if I were in it; which God send. Dined with my Lord and all his officers of his Regiment, who invited my Lord and his friends, as many as he would bring, to dinner at the Swan at Dowgate, a poor house and ill dressed but very good fish and plenty. To Westminster and with W. Howe by coach to the Speaker's, where my Lord supped with the King; but we could not get in. So back again; and after a song or two in my chamber in the dark, which doth (now that the bed is out) sound very well, I went home and to bed.

28. My brother Tom came to me with Patternes to choose for a suit. I paid him all to this day, and did give him 10*l* upon account. To Mr. Coventry, who told me that he would do me all right in my business. To Sir G. Downing, the first visit I have made him since he came. He is so stingy a fellow, I care not to see him. I quite cleared myself of his office, and did give him liberty to take anybody in. I went also this morning to see Mrs. Pierce the Chyrurgeon. I found her in bed in her house in Margaret churchyard – her husband returned to sea. I did invite her to go to dinner with me and my wife today. After all this to my Lord, who lay a-bed till 11 a-clock, it being almost 5 before he went to bed, they supped so late last night with the King. After my Lord was awake, I went up to him to the Nursery, where he doth lie; and