

afternoon; and so ended without any interruption from the Speaker, but we withdrew. And there all my fellow-officers, and all the world that was within hearing, did congratulate me and cry up my speech as the best thing they ever heard, and my fellow-officers overjoyed in it. We were called in again by and by to answer only one question, touching our paying tickets to ticket-mongers – and so out; and we were in hopes to have had a vote this day in our favour, and so the generality of the House was; but my speech being so long, many had gone out to dinner and come in again half drunk, and then there are two or three that are professed enemies to us and everybody else; among others, Sir T. Littleton, Sir Tho. Lee, Mr. Wiles (the coxcomb whom I saw heretofore at the cockfighting) and a few others; I saw these did rise up and speak against the coming to a vote now, the House not being full, by reason of several being at dinner but most because that the House was to attend the King this afternoon about the business of Religion (wherein they pray him to put in force all the laws against nonconformists and papists); and this prevented it, so that they put it off to tomorrow come sennit. However, it is plain we have got great ground; and everybody says I have got the most honour that any could have had opportunity of getting. And so, with our hearts mightily overjoyed at this success, we all to dinner to Lord Brouncker; that is to say, myself, T. Harvey, and W. Penn, and there dined; and thence with Sir Anth. Morgan, who is an acquaintance of Brouncker's, a very wise man, we after dinner to the King's House and there saw part of *The Discontented Colonell* – but could take no great pleasure in it because of our coming in the middle of it. After the play, home with W. Penn and there to my wife, whom W. Hewer had told of my success; and she overjoyed, and I also as to my particular. And after talking awhile, I betimes to bed, having had no quiet rest a good while.

6. Up betimes, and with Sir D. Gawden to Sir W. Coventry's chamber, where the first word he said to me was, "Goodmorrow Mr. Pepys, that must be Speaker of the Parliament-house" – and did protest I had got honour for ever in Parliament. He said that his brother, that sat by him, admires me; and another gentleman said that I could not get less than 1000*l* a year if I would put on a gown and plead at the Chancery bar. But what pleases me most, he tells me that the Sollicitor generall did protest that he thought I spoke the best of any man in England. After several talks with him alone