

stark mad at what hath passed this morning, and I believe is heartily vexed with me. I said little, but I am sure the King will suffer if some better care be not taken then he takes to look after this business of money. So parted, and I by water home and to dinner, W. Hewer with us; a good dinner and very merry, my wife and I; and after dinner, to my chamber to fit something against the Council anon; and that being done, away to Whitehall by water and thence to my Lord Chancellors, where I met with and had much pretty discourse with one of the Progers's that knows me. And it was pretty to hear him tell me of his own accord, as a matter of no shame, that in Spain he had a pretty woman his mistress; whom, when money grew scarce with him, he was forced to leave, and afterward heard how she and her husband lived well, she being kept by an old Fryer who used her as his whore; but this, says he, is better then as our Ministers do, who have wives that lay up their estates and do no good nor relieve any poor; no, not our greatest prelates – and I think he is in the right for my part.

Stayed till the Council was up, and attended the King and Duke of York round the park and was asked several Questions by both; but I was in pain lest they should ask me what I could not answer; as the Duke of York did the value of the hull of the *St. Patricke*, lately lost; which I told him I could not presently answer – though I might have easily furnished myself to answer all those Questions. They stood a good while to see the ganders and geese tread one another in the water, the goose being all the while kept for a great while quite under water, which was new to me; but they did make mighty sport at it, saying (as the King did often), “Now you shall see a marriage between this and that” – which did not please me. They gone by coach to my Lord Treasurer's, as the Duke of York told me, to settle the business of money for the Navy; I walked into the Court to and again till night, and then met Coll. Reames and he and I walked together a great while, complaining of the ill-management of things, whereof he is as full as I am. We run over many persons and things, and see nothing done like men like to do well while the King minds his pleasures so much. We did bemoan it that nobody would or had authority enough with the King to tell him how all things go to wrack and will be lost. Then he and I parted, and I to Westminster to the Swan, and there stayed till Michell and his wife came. Old Michell and his wife came to see me, and there we drank and laughed a little; and then the young ones and I took boat, it being fine moonshine. I did to my trouble see all the way that ella