

happiest May day that hath been many a year to England. The King's letter was read in the House, wherein he submits himself and all things to them – as to an act of Oblivion to all, unless they shall please to except any; – as to the confirming of the Sales of the King's and Church lands, if they see good. The House, upon reading the letter, order 50000*l* to be forthwith provided to send to His Maiesty for his present supply. And a committee chosen to return an answer of thank[s] to His Majesty for his gracious Letter. And that the letter be kept among the Records of the Parliament. And in all this, not so much as one Noe. Upon notice made from the Lords to the Commons of their desire that the Commons would join with them in their vote for King, Lords, and Commons, the Commons did concur and voted that all books whatever that are out against the government of King, Lords, and Commons should be brought into the House and burned. Great joy all yesterday at London; and at night more bonfires then ever and ringing of bells and drinking of the King's health upon their knees in the streets, which methinks is a little too much. But everybody seems to be very joyful in the business – insomuch that our sea-commanders now begin to say so too, which a week ago they would not do. And our seamen, as many as have money or credit for drink, did do nothing else this evening.

3. This morning my Lord showed me the King's declaration and his letter to the two Generalls to be communicated to the fleet. The contents of the letter are his offer of grace to all that will come in within 40 days, only excepting them that the Parliament shall hereafter except. That the sales of lands during these troubles, and all other things, shall be left to the Parliament, by which he will stand. The letter dated at Breda, April  $\frac{4}{14}$  1660, in the 12th year of his Raigne. Upon the receipt of it this morning by an express, Mr. Phillips, one of the messengers of the Council from Gen. Monke, my Lord summoned a council of war, and in the meantime did dictate to me how he would have the vote ordered which he would have pass this council. Which done, the commanders all came on board, and the council set in the coach (the first council of war that hath been in my time), where I read the letter and declaration; and while they were discoursing upon it, I seemed\* to draw up a vote; which being offered, they passed. Not one man seemed to say no to it, though I am confident many in their hearts were against it. After this was done, I went up to the Quarter-deck with my Lord and the