

great, he thinks, as ever he was with the King.

24. To my Lord Crew's and dined alone with him; and after dinner, much discourse about matters. Upon the whole, I understand there are great factions at Court; and something he said that did imply a difference like to be between the King and the Duke in case the Queene should not be with child – I understand, about this bastard.¹ He says also that some great man will be aimed at when the Parliament comes to sit again; I understand, the Chancellor. And that there is a bill will be brought in, that none that have been in armes for the Parliament shall be capable of office. And that the Court are weary of my Lord Albemarle and Chamberlin.² He wishes that my Lord Sandwich had some good occasion to be abroad this summer which is coming on. And that my Lord Hinchinbrooke were well married, and Sydney³ had some place at Court. He pities the poor Ministers that are put out, to whom he says the King is beholden for his coming in; and that if any such thing had been foreseen, he had never come in. After this, and much other discourse of the sea and breeding young gentlemen to the sea, I went away. This evening Mr. Gauden sent me, against Christmas, a great Chine of beefe and three dozen of Tounes. I did give 5s. to the man that brought it and half-crown to the porters. This day also, the parish Clerke brought the general bill of Mortality, which cost me half-Crowne more.

25. *Christmas day.* Up pretty early, leaving my wife not well in bed. And with my boy walked, it being a most brave cold and dry frosty morning, and had a pleasant walk to Whitehall; where I entended to have received the Comunion with the family, but I came a little too late. So I walked up into the house and spent my time looking over pictures, perticularly the ships in King H the 8ths voyage to Bullen – marking the great difference between their build then and now. By and by down to the Chappell again, where Bishop Morly preached upon the Song of the Angels – “Glory to God on high – on earth peace, and good will towards men.” Methought he made but a poor sermon, but long and reprehending the mistaken jollity of the Court for the true joy that shall and ought

1. Monmouth.

2. The Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Manchester.

3. Sandwich's second son.