

26. This day it is two years since it pleased God that I was cut of the stone at Mrs. Turner's in Salisbury court. And did resolve while I live to keep it a festival, as I did the last year at my house, and for ever to have Mrs. Turner and her company with me. But now it pleases God that I am where I am and so am prevented to do it openly; only, within my soul I can and do rejoice and bless God, being at this time, blessed be His holy name, in as good health as ever I was in my life. This morning I ris early and went about making of an establishment of the whole fleet and a list of all the ships, with the number of men [and] guns: about an hour after that, we had a meeting of the principal commanders and seamen to proportion out the number of these things. After that to dinner, there being very many commanders on board. All the afternoon very many orders were made, till I was very weary. At night Mr. Sheply and W. Howe came and brought some bottles of wine and something to eat at my Cabbin, where we were very merry, remembering the day of being cut of the stone. The Captain, Cuttance, came afterwards and sat drinking a bottle of wine till 11 a-clock at night, which is a kindness he doth not usually do to the greatest officer in the ship. After that to bed.

29. We lie still a little below Gravesend. At night Mr. Sheply returned from London and told us of several elections for the next Parliament. That the King's Effigies was new-making, to be set up in the Exchange again.

30. I was saluted in the morning with two letters from some that I had done a favour to, which brought me in each a piece of gold. This day, while my Lord and we were at dinner, the *Nazeby* came in sight toward us, and at last came to Anchor close by us. After dinner my Lord and many others went on board her, where everything was out of order; and a new chimney made for my Lord in his bedchamber, which he was much pleased with.

❧APRILL❧

1. *Lords day.* Mr. Ibbott preached very well. After dinner my Lord did give me a private list of all the ships that were to be set out this summer, wherein I do discern that he hath made it his care to