

✻ OCTOBER ✻

15. Up and all the morning at the office, and at home at dinner; where after dinner, my wife and I and Deb out by coach to the Upholster's in Long lane, Ald. Reeves, and then to Ald. Crow's, to see variety of Hangings; and were mightily pleased therewith and spent the whole afternoon thereupon; and at last, I think we shall pitch upon the best suit of Apostles, where three pieces for my room will come to almost 80*l*. So home and to my office, and then home to supper and to bed.

17. Up and to the office, where all the morning sitting; and at noon home to dinner and to the office all the afternoon; and then late home and there with much pleasure getting Mr. Gibbs, that writes well, to write the name upon my new draft of the *Resolution*; and so set it up and altered the situation of some of my pictures in my closet, to my extraordinary content, and at it with much pleasure till almost 12 at night. Mr. Moore and Seamour were with me this afternoon, who tell me that my Lord Sandwich was received mighty kindly by the King, and is in exceeding great esteem with him and the rest about him; but I doubt it will be hard for him to please both King and Duke of York; which I shall be sorry for. Mr. Moore tells me the sad condition my Lord is in in his estate and debts and the way he now lives in, so high, and so many vain servants about him, that he must be ruined if he doth not take up; which by the grace of God, I will put him upon when I come to see him.

20. Up and to the office all the morning; and then home to dinner, having this day a new girle come to us in the room of Nell, who is lately, about four days since, gone away, being grown lazy and proud. This girl to stay only till we have a boy, which I intend to keep when I have a coach; which I am now about. At this time, my wife and I mighty busy laying out money in dressing up our best chamber and thinking of a coach and coachman and horses &c., and the more because of Creed's being now married to Mrs. Pickering; a thing I could never have expected, but it is done about seven or ten days since – as I hear out of the country. At noon home to dinner, and my wife and Harman and girl abroad to buy things; and I walked out to several places to pay debts, and among other things to look out for a coach; and saw many, and did light on one, for