

(which is the greatest trouble that I have, by not having a man or boy to wait on me) and so home to dinner; my wife, it being a cold day and it begin to snow (the first snow we have seen this year), kept her bed till after dinner. And I below by myself looking over my arithmetique books and Timber Rule. So my wife rise anon, and she and I all the afternoon at Arithmetique; and she is come to do Addicion, Substraccion and Multiplicacion very well – and so I purpose not to trouble her yet with Division, but to begin with the globes to her now. At night I to my office and spent an hour or two reading Rushworth; and so to supper home, and to prayers and bed – finding myself by cold to have some pain begin with me, which God defend should encrease.

7. Up betimes; and it being a frosty morning, walked on foot to Whitehall, but not without some fears of my pain coming. At Whitehall I hear and find that there was the last night the greatest Tide that ever was remembered in England to have been in this River – all Whitehall having been drowned – of which there was great discourse. Anon we all met, and up with the Duke and did our business; and by and by my Lord of Sandwich came in, but whether it be my doubt or no I cannot tell, but I do not find that he made any sign of kindness or respect to me, which troubles me more then anything in the world.

9. This day Mrs. Russell did give my wife a very fine St. George in Alabaster, which will set out my wife's closet mightily.

10. Up, pretty well, the weather being become pretty warm again. And to the office, where we sat all the morning; and I confess, having received so lately a token from Mrs. Russell, I did find myself concerned for our not buying some tallow of her (which she bought on purpose yesterday most unadvisedly, to her great loss, upon confidence of putting it off to us); so hard it is for a man not to be warped against his duty and maister's interest that receives any bribe or present, though not as a bribe, from anybody else. But she must be contented and I, to do her a good turn when I can without wrong to the King's service. Thence to St. Paul's churchyard to my booksellers; and having gained this day in the office, by my stationer's bill to the King, about 40s. or 3*l*, I did here sit two or three hours, calling for twenty books to lay this money out upon; and found myself at a great loss where to choose, and do