

Introduction

English diarists; and an equally good case for his being the most informative. It is the combination of the two qualities which makes him unique.

Notes

1. Pepys Lib. 2554.

2. Except for the Tangier diary of 1683-4 (q.v. below, n.6), they have not been published. Again with that exception, they were not so much diaries as memoranda arranged in diurnal form, and were in some cases written out by clerks from his notes or at his dictation. There was a journal of 1670 recording his examination by the Privy Council about the report of the Brooke House Committee (Pepys Lib. 2874, pp. 385-403); his pencilled notes of the Commons' debates on the 1677 shipbuilding programme (Bodleian Lib., Rawlinson MSS C 859); two journals of 1679-80 concerning his defence against the accusations brought against him in the Popish Plot (Pepys Lib. 2881, pp. 45-85; 2882, pp. 1189-1235), and a journal of 1686 relating to the work of the Special Commission appointed in that year (Pepys Lib. 1490, pp. 7-79).

3. Anchitel Grey, *Debates of the House of Commons* (1763), v. 388.

4. The papers are mostly in Bodleian Lib., Rawlinson MSS A 173, 175, 176, 181, 188, 190, 193 and 194. They were extensively used by Sir Arthur Bryant in *Samuel Pepys: the Years of Peril* (1935), pp. 202-413, where extracts may be found. Fair copies are in Pepys Lib. 2881-2.

5. First published by Sir David Dalrymple in 1766, and several times re-published. The most accurate version is that by William Matthews (1966).

6. First transcribed and published by John Smith in 1841 in *The Life, Journals and Correspondence of Samuel Pepys*; reprinted by R. G. Howarth, *Letters and the Second Diary of Samuel Pepys* (1933). The best edition is by Edwin Chappell: *The Tangier Papers of Samuel Pepys* (Navy Records Soc. 1935).

7. The will and codicil are printed in H. B. Wheatley, *Pepysiana* (1899), App. I.

8. Diary, 26 May 1703.

9. But it is clear that he sometimes made his entry in the diary without first composing a complete draft or even any draft at all: cf. p. 983 (31 January).

10. There is a gap between 29 September 1668 and the following 11 October when he was away in Hampshire and in East Anglia.

11. Two passages describing journeys in April and June 1668 during which he was away from home were left in note form, entered on loose sheets of paper which were later inserted into the volume. The second of them is printed below, pp. 921-8. Another similar, but shorter, passage in June 1660 was written in abbreviated form: see p. 55.