

nor looks whether that or any other part of the Revenue be duly gathered as it ought – the very money that should pay the City the 200000*l* they lent the King being all gathered and in the hands of the Receiver, and hath been long, and yet not brought up to pay the City, whereas we are coming to borrow 4 or 500000*l* more of the City – which will never be lent as is to be feared. Church being done, my Lord Brouncker, Sir J. Mennes, and I up to the Vestry at the desire of the Justices of the Peace, Sir Th. Bidolph and Sir W. Boreman and Ald. Hooker – in order to the doing something for the keeping of the plague from growing; but Lord, to consider the madness of people of the town, who will (because they are forbid) come in Crowds along with the dead Corps to see them buried. But we agreed on some orders for the prevention thereof. Among other stories, one was very passionate methought – of a complaint brought against a man in the town for taking a child from London from an infected house. Ald. Hooker told us it was the child of a very able citizen in Gracious street, a sadler, who had buried all the rest of his children of the plague; and himself and wife now being shut up, and in despair of escaping, did desire only to save the life of this little child; and so prevailed to have it received stark naked into the arms of a friend, who brought it (having put it into new fresh clothes) to Greenwich; where, upon hearing the story, we did agree it should be permitted to be received and kept in the town. Thence with my Lord Brouncker to Capt. Cockes, where we mighty merry, and supped; and very late, I by water to Woolwich, in great apprehensions of an Ague. Here was my Lord Brouncker's lady of pleasure, who I perceive goes everywhere with him, and he I find is obliged to carry her and make all the Courtship to her that can be.

5. Up, and walked, with some Captains and others talking to me, to Greenwich – they crying out upon Capt. Teddiman's management of the business of Bergen; that he stayed treating too long while he saw the Dutch fitting themselves. And that at first he might have taken every ship and done what he would with them. How true I cannot tell. Here we sat very late, and for want of money (which lies heavy upon us) did nothing of business almost. Thence home with my Lord Brouncker to dinner, where very merry with him and his Doxy. After dinner comes Coll. Blunt in his new Charriott made with Springs, as that was of Wicker wherein a while since we rode at his house. And he hath rode, he says, now this Journy, many mile in it with one horse, and outdrives any coach