

world taking place of all other passions. Thence to the office – where all the morning busy; and at noon home to dinner, where Mr. John Andrews and his wife came and dined with me, and pretty merry we were; only, I out of humour the greatest part of the dinner, by reason that my people had forgot to get wine ready (I having none in my house, which I cannot say now these almost three years I think, without having two or three sorts), by which we were fain to stay a great while while some could be fetched. When it came, I begun to be merry, and merry we were; but it was an odd, strange thing to observe of Mr. Andrews what a fancy he hath to raw meat, that he eats it with no pleasure unless the blood run about his chops; which it did now, by a leg of mutton that was not above half-boiled; but it seems, at home all his meat is dressed so, and beef and all, and eats it so at nights also. This afternoon my Lord Anglesy tells us that the House of Commons have this morning run into the enquiry in many things; as, the sale of Dunkirke, the dividing of the fleet the last year, the business of the prizes with my Lord Sandwich, and many other things; so that now they begin to fall close upon it and God knows what will be the end of it, but a committee they have chosen to inquire into the miscarriages of the Warr.

18. To several places to buy a hat and books and neckcloths, and several errands I did before I got home; and among others, bought me two new pair of spectacles of Turlington, who it seems is famous for them. And his daughter, he being out of the way, doth advise me to very young sights,¹ as that that will help me most; and promises me great ease from them, and I will try them.

20. *Lords day.* Up, and put on my new Tunique of velvett, which is very plain, but good. This morning is brought to me an order for the presenting the committee of Parliament tomorrow with a list of the commanders and ships' names of all the fleets set out since the war, and perticularly of those ships which were divided from the fleet with Prince Rupert;² which gives me occasion to see that they are busy after that business – and I am glad of it. So I alone to church and then home, and there Mr. Deane comes and dines with me by appointment; and both at and after dinner, he and I spent all the day

1. Lenses suitable for young people with short sight.

2. In the Four Days Battle, June 1666.