

that unless there be a free Parliament chosen, he doth believe there are half the Common Council will not levy any money by order of this Parliament. From thence I went to my father's, where I found Mrs. Ramsey and her grandchild, a pretty girl, and stayed a while and talked with them and my mother and then took my leave; only, heard of an invitation to go to dinner tomorrow to my Cosen Tho. Pepys.

6. This morning Mr. Sheply and I did eat our breakfasts at Mrs. Harpers, my brother John being with me, upon a cold turkey pie and a goose; from whence I went to my office, where we paid money to the soldiers till one of the clock, at which time we made an end; and I went home and took my wife and went to my Cosen Tho. Pepys's and found them just sat down to dinner, which was very good; only the venison pasty was palpable beef, which was not handsome. After dinner I took my leave, leaving my wife with my cousin Stradwick, and went to Westminster to Mr. Vines, where George and I fiddled a good while, Dick and his wife (who was lately brought to bed) and her sister being there; but Mr. Hudson not coming according to his promise, I went away; and calling at my house on the wench, I took her and the lanthorn with me to my cousin Stradwick. Where, after a good supper, there being there my father, mother, brothers, and sister, my cousin Scot and his wife, Mr. Drawwater and his wife and her brother, Mr. Stradwick, we had a brave cake brought us, and in the choosing, Pall was queen and Mr. Stradwick was king. After that, my wife and I bid Adieu and came home, it being still a great frost.

8. *Sunday.* In the morning I went to Mr. Gunings, where a good sermon, wherein he showed the life of Christ and told us good authority for us to believe that Christ did fallow his father's trade, and was a carpenter till 30 years of age. From thence to my father's to dinner; where I found my wife, who was forced to dine there, we not having one coal of fire in the house and it being very hard frosty weather.

9. For these two or three days, I have been much troubled with thoughts how to get money to pay them that I have borrowed money of, by reason of my money being in my Uncle's hands. I rose early this morning, and looked over and corrected my brother John's speech which he is to make the next Apposition; and after