

but in a closet we had a very good dinner by Mr. Pinkny's courtesy. And after dinner we had pretty good singing and one Hazard sung alone after the old fashion, which was very much cried up; but I did not like it. Thence we went to the Greene Dragon on Lambeth hill, both the Mr. Pinknys, Smith, Harrison, Morrice that sang the bass, Sheply and I, and there we sang of all sorts of things and I ventured with good success upon things at first sight and after that played on my flagelette; and stayed there till 9 a-clock, very merry and drawn on with one song after another till it came to be so late. After that, Sheply, Harrison and myself, we went towards Westminster on foot, and at the Golden Lion, near Charing cross, we went in and drank a pint of wine, and so parted; and thence home, where I found my wife and maid a-washing. I sat up till the bell-man came by with his bell, just under my window as I was writing of this very line, and cried, "Past one of the clock, and a cold, frosty, windy morning." I then went to bed and left my wife and the maid a-washing still.

17. To the Coffee club and heard very good discourse; it was in answer to Mr. Harrington's answer, who said that the state of the Roman government was not a settled government, and so it was no wonder that the balance of propriety was in one hand and the command in another, it being therefore always in a posture of war; but it was carried by Ballat that it was a steady government; though, it is true by the voices, it had been carried before that it was an unsteady government. So tomorrow it is to be proved by the opponents that the balance lie in one hand and the government in another.

18. All the world is now at a loss to think what Monke will do: the City saying that he will be for them, and the Parliament saying he will be for them.

19. This morning I was sent for to Mr. Downing, and at his bedside he told me that he hath a kindness for me, and that he thought that he hath done me one; and that was, that he hath got me to be one of the Clerks of the Council; at which I was a little stumbled and could not tell what to do, whether to thank him or no; but I by and by did, but not very heartily, for I feared that his doing of it was but only to ease himself of the salary which he give me. Thence to my office, and so with Mr. Sheply and Moore to dine