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4. Up earely and to Mr. Moore, and thence to Mr. Lovell about my law businesses, and from him to Pauls schoole, it being opposicion-day there. I heard some of their speeches, and they were just as schoolboys used to be, of the seven Liberall Sciences; but I think not so good as ours were in our time. Mr. Crumlum did me much honour by telling many what a present I had made to the school, showing my *Stephanus* in four volumes, cost me 4*l* 10*s*. Thence with Mr. Elborough (he being all of my old acquaintance that I could meet with here) to a Cookes shop to dinner, but I find him a fool as he ever was, or worse. Thence to my Cosen Roger Pepys and Mr. Phillips about my law businesses, which stand very bad. And so home to the office; where after doing some business, I went home, where I find our new mayd Mary, that is come in Janes place.

6. To a bookseller's in the Strand and there bought *Hudibras* again, it being certainly some ill humour to be so set against that which all the world cries up to be the example of wit – for which I am resolved once again to read him and see whether I can find it or no. So to Mr. Povys and there find them at dinner and dined there – there being, among others, Mr. Williamson, Latin Secretary, who I perceive is a pretty knowing man and a scholar, but it may be thinks himself to be too much so. Thence after dinner to the Temple to my Cosen Roger Pepys, where met us my uncle Tho. and his son; and after many high demands, we at last came to a kind of agreement upon very hard terms, which are to be prepared in writing. My Cosen Roger was so sensible of our coming to agreement that he could not forbear weeping; and ended, though it be very hard, yet I am glad to my heart that we are like to end our trouble.¹ And I to my Lord Sandwich and there stayed, there being a Comittee to sit upon the Contract for the Molle, which I dare say none of us that were there understood; but yet they agreed of things as Mr. Cholmly and Sir J. Lawson demanded, who are the undertakers; and so I left them to go on to agree, for I understood it not. So home; and being called by a coachman who had a fare in him, he carried me beyond the Old Exchange and there set down his fare, who would not pay him what was his due because he carried a

1. For this dispute, see above, pp. 144–5 (8–13 July).