

would be thought to have led all the City in the great business of bringing in the King; and that nobody understood his plots and the dark lanthorn he walked by, but led them and plowed with them as oxen and Asses (his own words) to do what he had a mind – when in every discourse, I observe him to be as very a coxcomb as I could have thought had been in the City.

18. Wake betimes and talked a while with my wife about a wench that she had hired yesterday, which I would have enquired after before she comes, she having lived in great families, and so up to my office – where all the morning; and at noon home to dinner and after dinner by water to Redriffe, my wife and Ashwell with me, and so walked; I left them at Halfway house and I to Deptford, where up and down the storehouses and on board two or three ships now getting ready to go to sea; and so back and finde my wife walking in the way, so home again, merry with our Ashwell, who is a merry jade; and so a while to my office and then home to supper and to bed. This day, my Tryangle (which was put in tune yesterday) did please me very well, Ashwell playing upon it pretty well.

19. Up betimes and to Woolwich all alone by water, where took the officers most a-bed. I walked and enquired how all matters and businesses go. And by and by to the Clerk of the Cheques house and there eat some of his good Jamaica brawne, and so walked to Greenwich – part of the way Deane walking with me, talking of the pride and corruption of most of his fellow officers of the yard (and which I believe to be true). So to Deptford, where I did the same to great content. At noon Mr. Wayth took me to his house, where I dined and saw his wife, a pretty woman, and had a good fish dinner; and after dinner he and I walked to Redriffe, talking of several errors in the Navy; by which I learned a great deal and was glad of his company. So by water home, and by and by to the office, where we sat till almost 9 at night. So after doing my own business in my office, writing letters &c., home to supper and to bed, being weary and vexed that I do not find other people so willing to do business as myself when I have taken pains to find out what in the yards is wanting and fitting to be done.

21. Up betimes and to my office, where busy all the morning. And at noon, after a little dinner, to it again; and by and by, by