

with Creed at Whitehall, they and I to Westminster hall; and there met Roger Pepys and with him to his chamber and there read over and agreed upon the deed of Settlement to our minds: my sister to have 600*l* presently and she to be joyntured in 60*l* per annum – wherein I am very well satisfied.

11. At the office all the morning, where comes a damned summons to attend the Committee of Miscarriages today; which makes me mad that I should by my place become the hackney of this Office, in perpetual trouble and vexation, that need it least. At noon home to dinner, where little pleasure, my head being split almost with the variety of troubles upon me at this time and cares. And after dinner by coach to Westminster hall and sent my wife and Deb to see *Mustapha* acted. Here I brought a book to the Committee, and do find them, and particularly Sir Tho. Clerges, mighty hot in the business of tickets; which makes me mad, to see them bite at the stone and not at the hand that flings it. And here my Lord Bruncker unnecessarily orders it that he is called in, to give opportunity to present his report of the state of that business of paying by ticket; which I do not think will do him any right, though he was made believe that it did operate mightily, and that Sir Fresh. Hollis did make a mighty harangue and to much purpose in his defence; but I believe no such effects of it, for going in afterward I did hear them speak with prejudice of it, and that his pleading of the Admirall's warrant for it now was only an evasion, if not an aspersion upon the Admirall, and therefore they would not admit of this his report, but go on with their report as they had resolved before. The orders they sent for this day was the first order that I have yet met with about this business, and was of my own single hand warranting; but I do think it will do me no harm, and therefore do not much trouble myself with it – more then to see how much trouble I am brought to who have best deported myself in all the King's business. Thence with Lord Brouncker and set him down at Bowstreete, and so to the Duke of York's playhouse and there saw the last Act for nothing; where I never saw such good acting of any creature as Smith's part of Zanger; and I do also, though it was excellently acted by [blank], do yet want Betterton mightily. Thence to the Temple to Porter's chamber, where Cocke met me; and after a stay there some time, they two and I to Pemerton's chamber and there did read over the act of calling people to account and did discourse all our business of the prizes;