

18. Up and all morning at the office, and then to dinner; and after dinner to the office to dictate some letters, and then with my wife down to Sir W. Turner's to visit The[oph].; but she being abroad, we back again home; and then I to the office, finished my letters, and then to walk an hour in the garden talking with my wife, whose growth in music doth begin to please me mightily; and by and by home and there find our Luce drunk, and when her mistress told her of it, would be gone; and so put up some of her things and did go away of her accord, nobody pressing her to it; and the truth is, though she be the dirtiest and homeliest servant that ever I kept, yet I was sorry to have her go, partly through my love to my servants and partly because she was a very drudging, working wench; only, she would be drunk.

19. *Lords day.* Up, and to my chamber to set some papers in order; and then to church, where my old acquaintance, that dull fellow Meriton, made a good sermon; and hath a strange knack of a grave, serious delivery, which is very agreeable. After church, to Whitehall and there find Sir G. Carteret just sat down to dinner; and I dined with them as I intended, and good company, the best people and family in the world I think. Here was great talk of the good end that my Lord Treasurer made; closing his own eyes and setting his mouth, and bidding Adieu with the greatest content and freedom in the world; and is said to die with the cleanest hands that ever any Lord Treasurer did. After dinner, Sir G. Carteret and I alone; and there among other discourse, he did declare that he would be content to part with his place of Treasurer of the Navy upon good terms. I did propose my Lord Bellasses as a man likely to buy it; which he listened to, and I did fully concur and promote his design of parting with it, for though I would have my father live, I would not have him die Treasurer of the Navy, because of the accounts which must be uncleared at his death; besides many other circumstances making it advisable for him to let it go. I took leave of him, and directly by water home; and there to read the Life of Mr. Hooker, which pleases me as much as anything I have read a great while; and by and by comes Mr. How to see us, and after him a little, Mr. Sheply, and so we all to talk; and Mercer being there, we some of us to sing and so to supper; a great deal of silly talk; among other things, W. How told us how the barristers and students of Grays Inne rose in rebellion against the Benchers the other day; who outlawed them, and a great deal of do but now they