

while London is building, will yield good money. I approve it. We judged a third man, that is knowing, is necessary; and concluded on Sir W. Warren, and sent for him to come to us tomorrow morning.

30. *Lords day.* Up and to church, where I have not been a good while; and there the church infinitely thronged with strangers since the fire came into our parish; but not one handsome face in all of them, as if endeed there was a curse, as Bishopp Fuller heretofore said, upon our parish. Here I saw Mercer come into the church; which I had a mind to, but she avoided looking up – which vexed me. A pretty good sermon; and then home, and comes Balty and dined with us – a good dinner; and then to have my hair cut against winter close to my head, and then to church again. A sorry sermon, and away home. W. Penn and I to walk, to talk about several businesses; and then home, and my wife and I to read in Fullers *Church History*, and so to supper and to bed.

This month ends with my mind full of business and concernment how this office will speed with the Parliament, which begins to be mighty severe in the examining our accounts and the expense of the Navy this war.

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2. Up, and am sent for to Sir G. Carteret; and to him, and there he tells me how our lists [of the ships and vessels employed in the war] are referred to a sub-committee to consider and examine, and that I am ordered to be there this afternoon. So I away thence to my new bookbinder to see my books gilding in the backs, and then to Westminster hall to the House and spoke with Sir W. Coventry, where he told me I must attend the committee in the afternoon, and received some hints of more work to do. So I away to the Chequer, and thence to an alehouse and found Mr. Falconbrige, and agreed for his kinswoman to come to me. He says she can dress my wife and will do anything we would have her to do, and is of a good spirit – and mighty cheerful. He is much pleased therewith, and so we shall be. So agreed for her coming the next week. So away home, and eat a short dinner, and then with Sir W. Penn to Westminster hall, and do give his boy my book of papers to hold, while he went into the committee chamber in the inner Court of