

2. There dined here my Uncle Wight and my aunt – my father and mother and my brother Tom – Dr. Fairebrother and Mr. Mills the parson and his wife, who is a neighbour's daughter of my uncle Robts. and knows my aunt Wight and all her and my friends there. And so we have excellent company today. After dinner I was sent for to Sir G. Carterets, where he was and I find the Comptroller; who are upon writing a letter to the Commissioners of parliament; in some things a rougher style then our last, because they seem to speak high to us. So the Comptroller and I thence to a tavern hard by, and there did agree upon drawing up some letters to be sent to all the pursers and clerks of the Cheques to make up their accounts. Then home, where I find the parson and his wife gone – and by and by the rest of the company, very well pleased, and I too – it being the last dinner I entend to make a great while. It having now cost me almost 15*l* in three dinners within this fortnight.

3. *Lordsday*. This day I first begun to go forth in my coate and sword, as the manner now among gentlemen is. To Whitehall. In my way heard Mr. Tho. Fuller preach at the Savoy upon our forgiving of other men's trespasses – showing, among [other] things, that we are to go to law never to Revenge, but only to repayre – which I think a good distinction. So to Whitehall, where I stayed to hear the trumpets and kettle-drums – and then the other drums; which is much cried up, though I think it dull, vulgar music.

4. Barely up to Court with Sir Wm. Pen; where at Mr. Coventry's chamber we met with all our fellow officers; and there a hot debate about the business of payng off the fleet and how we should joyne with the Commissioners of Parliament. That being done, I to the tavern, where Sir Wm. Pen and the Comptroller and several others were, men and women; and we had a very great and merry dinner. And after dinner the Comptroller begun some sports; among others, the Nameing of people round, and afterward demanding Questions of them that they are forced to answer their names to; which doth make very good sport. And here I took pleasure to take the forfeits of the ladies who could not do their duty, by kissing of them – among others, a pretty lady who I found afterward to be wife to Sir W. Battens son.

5. *washing day*. My wife and I by water to Westminster. She to her