

for worse; and all things else made much worse in their report among people then they are. And this night, I know not upon what ground, the gates of the City ordered to be kept shut and double guards everywhere. So home; and after preparing things against tomorrow for the Duke, to bed. Endeed, I do find everybody's spirit very full of trouble and the things of the Court and Council very ill taken – so as to be apt to appear in bad colours if there should ever be a beginning of trouble – which God forbid.

20. With Comissioner Pett to Mr. Lillys the great painter, who came forth to us; but believing that I came to bespeak a picture, he prevented us by telling us that he should not be at leisure these three weeks, which methinks is a rare thing; and then to see in what pomp his table was laid for himself to go to dinner. And here among other pictures, I saw the so much by me desired picture of my Lady Castlemayne, which is a most blessed picture and that that I must have a copy of.

24. After with great pleasure lying a great while, talking and sporting in bed with my wife (for we have [been] for some years now, and at present more and more, a very happy couple, blessed be God), I got up and to my office; and having done there some business, and by water and then walked to Deptford to discourse with Mr. Cowly and Davis about my late conceptions about keeping books of the distinct works done in the yards, against which I find no objection but their ignorance and unwillingness to do anything of pains and what is out of their old dull road. But I like it well, and will proceed in it. So home and dined there with my wife upon a most excellent dish of tripes of my own directing, covered with mustard, as I have heretofore seen them done at my Lord Crews; of which I made a very great meal and sent for a glass of wine for myself. This noon came to see me and sit with me a little after dinner, Mr. Pierce the Chyrurgeon – who tells me how ill things go at Court; that the King doth show no countenance to any [that] belong to the Queene, nor above all to such english as she brought over with her or hath here since, for fear they should tell her how he carries himself to Mrs. Palmer.

26. *Lords day.* Up, and put on my new Scallop, and is very fine. To church and there saw, the first time, Mr. Mills in a Surplice; but it seemed absurd for him to pull it over his eares in the reading-pew