

walked to Westminster, and there at my barber's had good luck to find Jane alone; and there I talked with her and got the poor wretch to promise to meet me in the abbey on tomorrow come sennit, telling me that her maister and mistress have a mind to get her a husband, and so will not let her go abroad without them – but only in sermon time a-Sundays she doth go out. I would I could get a good husband for her, for she is one I alway thought a good-natured as well as a well-looking girl.

4. *Lords day.* Lay long in bed; then up and took physique, Mr. Hollyard[’s]. But it being cold weather and myself negligent of myself, I fear I took cold and stopped the working of it. But I feel myself pretty well. All the morning looking over my old wardrobe and laying by things for my brother John and my father, by which I shall leave myself very bare in clothes, but yet as much as I need and the rest would but spoil in the keeping. Dined, my wife and I, very well. All the afternoon my wife and I above, and then the boy and I to singing of psalms, and then came in Mr. Hill and he sung with us a while; and he being gone, the boy and I again to the singing of Mr. Porter’s mottets, and it is a great joy to me that I am come to this condition, to maintain a person in the house able to give me such pleasure as this boy doth by his thorough understand of music, as he sing anything at first sight. Mr. Hill came to tell me that he had got a gentlewoman for my wife, one Mrs. Ferrabosco, that sings most admirably. I seemed glad of it; but I hear she is too gallant for me and am not sorry that I misse her. Then I to the office, setting some papers right; and so home to supper and to bed – after prayers.

5. Up and to St. James and there did our business with the Duke – where all our discourse of war, in the highest measure. Prince Robt. was with us – who is fitting himself to go to sea in the *Heneretta*. And afterward in Whitehall, I met him and Mr. Gray and he spoke to me; and in other discourse, says he, “God damn me, I can answer but for one ship, and in that I will do my part; for it is not in that as in [an] army, where a man can command everything.” By and by to a committee for the Fishery, the Duke of Yorke there – where after Duke was made Secretary, we fell to name a committee; whereof I was willing to be one because I would have my hand in that business, to understand it and be known in doing something in it. And so after cutting out work for that committee, we ris; and I to my wife to Unthankes, and with her from shop to shop, laying out