

doth attend the increase of a man's fortune, by being forced to keep more servants, which brings trouble.

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2. At the office all the morning; where Sir John Minnes our new Comptroller was fetched by Sir Wm. Pen and myself from Sir W. Battens and led to his place in the office – the first time that he hath come hither. And he seems a good fair-condition[ed] man and one that I am glad hath the office. This night my boy Wainman, as I was in my chamber, [I] overheard him let off some Gunpowder; and hearing my wife chide him below for it, and a noise made, I call him up and find that it was powder that he had put in his pocket, and a mach carelessly with it, thinking that it was out; and so the match did give fire to the powder and had burned his side and his hand, that he put into his pocket to put out the fire. But upon examination, and finding him in a lie about the time and place that he bought it, I did extremely beat him. And though it did trouble me to do it, yet I thought it necessary to do it. So to write by the post, and to bed.

3. *Lords day.* This day I stirred not out, but took physique and it did work very well; and all the day, as I was at leisure, I did read in Fuller's *Holy Warr* (which I have of late bought) and did try to make a Song in the prayse of a Liberall genius (as I take my own to be) to all studies and pleasures; but it not proving to my mind, I did reject it and so proceeded not in it. At night my wife and I had a good supper by ourselfs, of a pullet hashed; which pleased me much to see my condition come to allow ourselfs a dish like that. And so at night to bed.

4. In the morning, being very rainy, by Coach with Sir W. Penn and my wife to Whitehall; and sent her to Mrs. Hunts, and he and I to Mr. Coventry about business; and so sent for her again, and all three home again; only, I to the Miter (Mr. Rawlinson's), where Mr. Pierce the purser had got us a most rare Chine of beef and a dish of marrow bones. Our Company, my Uncle Wight, Capt. Lambert, one Capt. Doves, and purser Barber, Mr. Rawlinson, and ourselfs – and very merry. After dinner I took Coach and called