

with my wife and Deb and W. Hewer towards Coopers; but I light and walked to Ducke lane, and there to the bookseller's at the Bible, whose moher yo have a mind to, but ella no era dentro; but I did there look upon and buy some books, and made way for coming again to the man; which pleases me. Thence to Reeves's and there saw some, and bespoke a little, perspective – and was mightily pleased with seeing objects in a dark room. And so to Coopers and spent the afternoon with them; and it will be an excellent picture. Thence my people all by water to Deptford to see Balty, while I to buy my Espinette which I did now agree for; and did at Hawards meet with Mr. Thacker and hear him play on the Harpsicon, so as I never heard man before I think. So home, it being almost night, and there find in the garden Pelling, who hath brought Tempest, Wallington, and Pelham to sing; and there had most excellent music, late in the dark, with great pleasure. Made them drink and eat; and so with much pleasure to bed, but above all with little Wallington. This morning I was let blood, and did bleed about 14 ounces, towards curing my eyes.

15. Up, and all the morning busy at the office to my great content, tending to the settling of papers there, that I may have the more rest in winter for my eyes by how much I do the more in the settling of all things in the summer by daylight. At noon home to dinner, where is brought home the Espinette I bought the other day of Haward; costs me 5*l*. So to St. James's, where did our ordinary business with the Duke of York. And so to Unthanes to my wife, and with her and Deb to visit Mrs. Pierce, whom I do not now so much affect since she paints. But stayed here a while, and understood from her how my Lady Duchess of Monmouth is still lame, and likely alway to be so – which is a sad chance for a young [lady] to get, only by trying of tricks in dancing. So home, and there Capt. Deane came and spent the evening with me, to draw some finishing lines on his fine draft of the *Resolution*, the best ship, by all report, in the world. And so to bed. Wonderful hot all day and night, and this the first night that I remember in my life that ever I could lie with only a sheet and one rug; so much I am now stronger then ever I remember myself to be, at least since before I had the stone.

16. Up, and to the office, where Yeabsly and Lanyon came to town and to speak with me about a matter wherein they are accused