

parted; and I to my Lord Sandwiches, where, coming and bolting into the dining-room, I there found Capt. Ferrer going to christen a child of his, born yesterday, and I came just pat to be a godfather, along with my Lord Hinchingbrooke and Madam Pierce my valentine – which for that reason I was pretty well contented with – though a little vexed to see myself so beset with people to spend my money, as, she for a Valentine, and little Mrs. Tooker, who is come to my house this day from Greenwich, and will cost me 20s., my wife going out with her this afternoon, and now this Christening. Well, by and by the child is brought, and christened Katharine. And I this day on this occasion drank a glass of wine, which I have not professedly done these two years I think – but a little in the time of the sickness. After that done, and gone and kissed the mother in bed – I away to Westminster hall and there hear that Mrs. Lane is come to town. So I stayed loitering up and down, till anon she comes and agreed to meet at Swayns; and there I went anon and she came, but stayed but little, the place not being private. I have not seen her since before the plague. So thence parted, and rencontrai à her last logis, and in that place did hazer what I tena a mind para faire con her. At last she desired to borrow money of me, 5*l*, and would pawn gold with me for it; which I accepted, and promised in a day or two to supply her. So away home to the office, and thence home. So to bed – a little troubled that I have been at two houses this afternoon with Mrs. Lane that were formerly shut up of the plague.

21. Up, and with Sir J. Mennes to Whitehall by his coach, by the way talking of my brother John, to get a spiritual promotion for him, which I now am to look after, forasmuch as he is shortly to be Maister in Arts, and writes me this week a Latin letter that he is to go into Orders this Lent. There to the Duke's chamber and find our fellows discoursing there on our business; so I was sorry to come late, but no hurt was done thereby. Here the Duke, among other things, did bring out a book, of great antiquity, of some of the customs of the Navy about 100 years since, which he did lend us to read and deliver him back again. Thence I to the Exchequer, and there did strike my tallies for a quarter for Tanger and carried them home with me. And thence to Trinity house, being invited to an Elder Brother's feast. And there met and sat by Mr. Prin and had good discourse about the privileges of Parliament, which he says are few to the Commons' house, and those not examinable by them but only by the House of Lords. Thence with my Lord Bruncker to