

people in the street – crying that he had done him 40s. and 5*l* worth of hurt; but going down, I saw that he had done little or none; and so I gave them a Shilling for it and they were well contented, and so home. And there to my Lady Batten to see her, who tells me she hath just now a letter from Sir Wm., how that he and Sir J. Mennes did very narrowly escape drowning on the roade, the waters are so high, but is well. But Lord, what a Hypocrite-like face she made to tell it me.

16. I went by coach to my brother's, where I met Sarah, my late mayd, who told me out of good-will to me, for she loves me dearly, that I would beware of my wife's brother, for he is begging and borrowing of her¹ often; and told me of her Scallop-whisk and her borrowing of 50*s.* from Will, which she believes for him and her father. I do observe so much goodness and seriousness in the maid, that I am again and again sorry that I have parted with her, though it was full against my will then. And if she had anything in the world, I would commend her for a wife for my brother Tom.

20. To Whitehall where we met upon the Tanger Commission – and discoursed many things thereon. But little will be done before my Lord Rutherford comes there as to the Fortificacions or Molle. That done, my Lord Sandwich and I walked together a good while in the Matted Gallery, he acquainting me with his late enquiries into the Wardrobe business, to his content; and tells me how things stand – and that the first year was worth about 300*l* to him and the next about as much; so that at this day, if he were paid, it will be worth about 700*l* to him.

23. At noon home to dinner with my wife alone. And after dinner sat by the fire and then up to make up my accounts with her, and find that my ordinary housekeeping comes to 7*l* a month – which is a great deal. By and by comes Dr. Pierce; who among other things, tells me that my Lady Castlemaynes interest at Court encreases and is more and greater then the Queenes. That she hath brought in Sir H. Bennet and Sir Ch. Barkeley; but that the Queene is a most good lady and takes all with the greatest meekness that may be. He tells me too, that the King is much concerned in the Chancellors sickness; and that the Chancellor is as

1. Pepys's wife.