

dinner I went and ranged about to many churches. Among the rest, to the Temple, where I heard Dr. Wilkins a little (late maister of Trinity in Cambrige); and that being done, to my father's to see my mother, who is troubled much with the Stone. And that being done, I went home. So to supper and to bed.

26. *Office day.* To it all the morning. And dined at home, where my father came and dined with me – who seems to take much pleasure to have a son that is neat in his house, I being now making my new door into the entry, which he doth please himself much with. After dinner to the office again and there till night. And that being done, the Comptroller and I to the Miter to a glass of wine – where we fell in discourse of poetry, and he did repeat some verses of his own making, which were very good. Home; there hear that my Lady Batten hath given my wife a visitt (the first that ever she made her), which pleased me exceedingly. So after supper to bed.

27. To Whitehall – where I find my Lord gone abroad to the Wardrobe, whither he doth now go every other morning, and doth seem to resolve to understand and look after that business himself. From thence to Westminster hall; and in King streete, there being a great stop of coaches, there was a falling-out between a drayman and my Lord Chesterfield's coachman, and one of his footmen killed. At the Hall I met with Mr. Creed; and he and I to Hell¹ to drink our morning draught. And so I to my Lord's again, where I find my wife. And she and I dined with him and my Lady and great company of my Lord's friends, and my Lord did show us great respect.

28. I find that Mr. Creed hath sent me the 11*l* 0*ss*. 00 that is due to me upon the remaynes of account for my sea business – which is also so much clear money to me; and my bill of impresse for 30*l* is also cleared. So that I am wholly clear as to the Sea in all respects. To the office and was there till late at night – and among the officers do hear that we may have our Salaries allowed by the Treasurer,² which doth make me very glad and praise God for it. Home to supper; and Mr. Hater supped with me, whom I did give order to take up my money of the Treasurer³ tomorrow if it can be had. So to bed.

1. A rival establishment to Heaven: cf. above, p. 10 (28 January) & n.

2. The Lord Treasurer.

3. The Navy Treasurer.