

brought to bed, for which God be praised – and send my Lord to study the laying up of something the more.

16. To Whitehall to the Tanger Comittee; and there above my expectation got the business of our contract for the Victualling carried for my people – *viz.*, Alsop, Lanyon and Yeabsly. And by their promise I do thereby get 300*l* per annum to myself – which doth overjoy me; and the matter is left to me to draw up. Mr. Lewes was in the gallery, and is mightily amused at it; and I believe Mr. Gauden will make some stir about it, for he wrote to Mr. Coventry today about it, to argue why he should for the King's convenience have it; but Mr. Coventry most justly did argue freely for them that served the cheapest.

17. *Lords day*. All the morning at my office doing business there, it raining hard. So dined at home alone. After dinner walked to my Lord's – and there found him and much other guest[s] at table at dinner, and it seems they have christened his young son today, called him James; I got a piece of cake. I got my Lord to sign and seal my business about my selling of Brampton land; which though not so full as I would, yet is as full as I can at present. Walked home again, and there fell to read; and by and by comes my Uncle Wight, Dr. Burnett and another gentleman, and talked and drank – and the Doctor showed me the manner of eating Turpentine; which pleases me well, for it is with great ease. So they being gone, I to supper and to bed.

18. Up, and walked to my Lord's and there took my leave of him, he seeming very friendly to me, in as serious a manner as ever in his life – and I believe he is very confident of me. He sets out this morning for Deale. Thence to St. James to the Duke and there did our usual business. He discourses very freely of a war with Holland, to begin about winter; so that I believe we shall come to it.

20. This evening being moonshine, I played a little late upon my flagelette in the garden. But being at Westminster hall, I met with great news: that Mrs. Lane is married to one Martin, one that serves Capt. Marsh. She is gone abroad with him today, very fine. I must have a bout with her very shortly, to see how she finds marriage.

21. Up, and to the office, where we sat all the morning; among