

there; which vexes me, but I mean not to trouble them more after this is done. So to the playhouse, where not much company come, which I impute to the heat of the weather, it being very hot. Here we saw *Macbeth*, which though I have seen it often, yet is it one of the best plays for a stage, and variety of dancing and music, that ever I saw. So being very much pleased, thence home by coach with young Goodyer and his own sister, who offered us to go in their coach – a good-natured youth I believe he is, but I fear will mind his pleasures too much; she is pretty, and a modest, brown girl. Set us down; so my wife and I into the garden, a fine moonshine evening, and there talking; and among other things, she tells me that she finds by W. Hewer that my people do observe my minding my pleasure more than usual; which I confess and am ashamed of, and so from this day take upon me to leave it till Whit-Sunday. While we were setting there in the garden, comes Mrs. Turner to advise about her son, the Captain; which I did give her the best advice I could, to look out for some land imployment for him – a peace being at hand, when few ships will be imployed, and very many, and those old Captains, to be provided for – which she thanked me for. Then to other talk: and among the rest, about Sir W. Penn's being to buy Wansted house of Sir Rt. Brookes, but hath put him off again; and left him the other day to pay for a dinner at a tavern, which she says our parish[ioner] Mrs. Hollworthy talks of. And I dare be hanged if ever he could mean to buy that great house,¹ that knows not how to furnish one that is not the tenth part so big. Thence I to my chamber to write a little; and then to bed, having got a mighty cold in my right eare and side of my throat, and in much trouble with it almost all the night.

21. *Lords day.* Up, and John, a hackney coachman whom of late I have much used, as being formerly Sir W. Penn's coachman, coming to me by my direction to see whether I would use him today or no, I took him to our back gate to look upon the ground which is to be let there, where I have a mind to buy enough to build a coach-house and stable; for I have had it much in my thoughts lately that it is not too much for me now, in degree or cost, to keep a coach; but contrarily, that I am almost ashamed to be seen in a hackney; and therefore, if I can have the conveniency, I will secure the ground at least till peace comes, that I do receive encouragement

1. He did not buy it.