

upon our dinner; and thence to the pewterers to buy a pewter Sestorne, which I have ever hitherto been without. And so up and down upon several occasions to set matters in order. And that being done, I out of doors to Westminster hall and there met my Lord Brouncker, who tells me that our business is put off till Monday, and so I was mighty glad that I was eased of my attendance here and of any occasion that might put me out of humour, as it is likely if we had been called before the Parliament. Therefore, after having spoke with Mr. Godolphin and Cosen Roger, I away home and there do find everything in mighty good order; only, my wife not dressed, which troubles me. Anon comes my company, *viz.*, my Lord Hinchingbrooke and his Lady, Sir Ph. Carteret and his Lady, Godolphin and my Cosen Roger, and Creed, and mighty merry; and by and by to dinner, which was very good and plentiful (I should have said, and Mr. George Mountagu, who came at a very little warning, which was exceeding kind of him): and there among other things, my Lord had Sir Samuel Morland's late invention for casting up sums of *olos. od.*; which is very pretty, but not very useful. Most of our discourse was of my Lord Sandwich and his family, as being all of us of that family; and with extraordinary pleasure all the afternoon thus together, eating and looking over my closet: and my Lady Hinchingbrooke I find a very sweet-natured and well-disposed lady, a lover of books and pictures and of good understanding. About 5 a-clock they went, and then my wife and I abroad by coach into Moorefields, only for a little ayre; and so home again, staying nowhere, and then up to her chamber, there to talk with pleasure of this day's passages, and so to bed.

15. *Lords day.* To Whitehall and there walked with this man and that man till chapel done and the King dined; and then Sir Tho. Clifford the Controller took me with him to dinner to his lodgings, where my Lord Arlington and a great deal of good and great company – where I very civilly used by them – and had a most excellent dinner. And good discourse of Spain, Mr. Godolphin being there – perticularly of the removal of the bodies of all the dead Kings of Spain that could be got together, and brought to the Pantheon at the Escuriall (when it was finished) and there placed before the Alter, there to lie for ever. And there was a sermon made to them upon this text, *Arida ossa, audite verbum dei* – a most eloquent sermon as they say who say they have read it. After dinner, away thence; and I to Mrs. Martin's and there spent the afternoon and did hazer con