

Stradwick being godmother); and then I left my wife to go home by coach. (It cost me 20s. between the midwife and the two nurses today.)

23. To Westminster with my wife (she to her father's); and about 10 a-clock, back again home; and there I to the office a little and thence by coach with Comissioner Pett to Cheapeside to one Savill a painter, who I entend shall do my picture and my wife's.¹ Thence I to dinner to the Wardrobe, and so home to the office and there all the afternoon till night; and then both Sir Wms to my house; and in comes Capt. Cock, and they to Cards. By and by Sir Wm. Batten and Cock, after drinking a good deal of wine, went away; and Sir W. Penn stayed with my wife and I to supper, very pleasant; and so good-night. This day I had a Chine of beefe sent home, which I bespoke to send and did send it, as a present to my uncle Wight.

25. To Westminster hall in the morning with Capt. Lambert – and there he did at the Dogg give me, and some other friends of his, his foy, he being to set sail today toward the Streights. Here we had oysters and good wine. Having this morning met in the hall with Mr. Sanchy, we appointed to meet at the play this afternoon. At noon, at the rising of the House, I met with Sir W. Pen, and with him and Maj.-Gen. Massy (who I find by discourse to be a very ingenious man, and among other things, a great master in the Secresys of powder and fireworkes) and another Knight to dinner at the Swan in the Palace yard, and our meat brought from the Legg. And after dinner Sir W. Pen and I to the Theatre and there saw *The Country Captain*, a dull play; and that being done, I left him with his Torys and went to the Opera and saw the last act of *The Bondman*; and there find Mr. Sanchy and Mrs. Mary Archer, sister to the fair Betty, whom I did admire at Cambrige. And thence took them to the fleece in Covent Garden, there to bid good-night to Sir W. Penn, who stayed for me. But Mr. Sanchy could not by any argument get his lady to trust herself with him into the taverne, which he was much troubled at; and so we returned immediately into the city by Coach, and at the Miter in Cheapside there light and drank, and then set her at her uncles in the Old Jury. And so he and I back again thither and drank till past 12 at night, till I had drank

1. Both are untraced.