

5. At the office till almost noon; and then broke up. Then came Sir G. Carteret, and he and I walked together alone in the garden, taking notice of some faults in the office, particularly of Sir Wm. Batten's. And he seemed to be much pleased with me, and I hope will be the ground of a future interest of mine in him, which I shall be glad of.

6. *Lords day*. By water to Whitehall to Sir G. Carteret, to give him an account of the backwardnesse of the ships we have hired to Portugall. At which he is much troubled. Thence to the Chappell and there, though crowded, heard a very honest sermon before the King by a Canon of Christ Church – upon these words: "Having a forme of godliness but denying," &c. Among other things, did much insist upon the sin of adultery – which methought might touch the King and the more because he forced it into his sermon, methought besides his text. So up and saw the King at dinner; and thence with Sir G. Carteret to his lodgings, to dinner with him and his Lady – where I saluted her – she seems a good lady. And all their discourse, which was very much, was upon their sufferings and services for the King.

9. Sir G. Carteret, Sir Wms both, and myself all the morning at the office, passing the Victualler's accounts; and at noon to dinner at the Dolphin – where a good Chine of beef and other good cheer. At dinner Sir George showed me an account in french of the great Famine, which is to the greatest extremity in some part of France at this day – which is very strange.

10. To Westminster with the two Sir Wms by water – and did several businesses. And so to the Wardrobe with Mr. Moore to dinner. Yesterday came Coll. Talbot with letters from Portugall – that the Queene is resolved to embarque for England this week.

11. Up early to my lute and a song. Then about 6 a-clock with Sir W. Pen by water to Deptford and among the ships now going to Portugall with men and horse, to see them dispatched. So to Greenwich; and had a fine pleasant walk to Woolwich, having in our company Capt. Minnes, with whom, I was much pleased to hear him talk, in fine language but pretty well for all that. Among other things, he and the other Captains that were with us tell me that Negros drowned look white and lose their blacknesse – which