

though not much comfort. From thence to our horses and with my wife went down and rode through Sturbrige fayre; but the fair was almost done, so we did not light there at all, but went back to Cambrige and there at the beare had some herings, we and my brother; and after dinner set out for Brampton, where we come in very good time and find all things well; and being somewhat weary, after some talk about tomorrow's business with my father, we went to bed.

20. Will Stankes and I set out in the morning betimes for Gravely, where to an alehouse and drank; and then to the Court – which was a simple meeting of a company of country rogues, with the Steward and two Fellows of Jesus College, that are lords of the towne. Where the Jury were sworne; and I producing no surrender (though I told them I was sure there is and must be one somewhere), they find my Uncle Tho. heire-at-law, as he is; and so though I did advise them to forbear being admitted this Court, my uncle was admitted; and his son also, in reversion after his father, which he did well in to secure his money. The father paid a year and half for his fine, and the son half a year; in all 48*l*, besides about 3*l* fees. So that I do believe the charges of his journys and other expenses herein, cannot be less then 70*l* – which will be a sad thing for them if a surrender be found. After all was done, I openly wished them joy in it. And so rode to Offord with them and there parted fairly, without any words. So with Stankes home and supped; and after telling my father how things went, I went to bed with my mind in good temper, because I saw the matter and manner of the Court and the bottom of my business, wherein I was before and should always have been ignorant.

21. All the morning pleasing myself with my father; going up and down the house and garden with my father and my wife, contriving some alterations.

23. We took horse and got early to Baldwick; where there was a fair, and we put in and eat a mouthful of porke, which they made us pay 14*d*. for, which vexed us much. And so away to Stevenage and stayed till a showre was over; and so rode easily to Welling – where we supped well and had two beds in the room and so lay single; and must remember it that, of all the nights that ever I slept in my life, I never did pass a night with more epicurisme of sleep – there being