

already a good deal, and the Fleet bridge is contracted for by the City to begin to be built this summer; which doth please me mightily. I to Whitehall and walked through the park for a little ayre; and so back to the Council chamber to the Committee of the Navy, about the business of fitting the present fleet suitable to the money given; which as the King orders it and by what appears, will be very little, and so as I perceive the Duke of York will have nothing to command, nor can intend to go abroad. But it is pretty to see how careful these great men are to do everything so as they may answer it to the Parliament.

*The entries from 5-17 June are written in note form on sheets of paper inserted into the volume, where ten pages are left blank for the finished version which Pepys never composed. A few changes have been made in this version of the notes: the dates of the entries are given in the form Pepys normally used in the finished diary; where words are repeated they are omitted although they have not been struck through, and the money sums have been abbreviated. A draft letter has also been omitted.*

5. Friday. At Barnet, for milk, 6d. On the highway, to menders of the highway, 6d. Dinner at Stevenage, 5s. 6d.

6. Saturday. Spent at Huntington with Bowles and Appleyard and Shepley, 2s.

7. Sunday. My father, for money lent, and horse-hire, £1 11s.

8. Monday. Father's servants (father having in the garden told me bad stories of my wife's ill words), 14s.; one that helped at the horses, 1s.; menders of the highway, 2s. Pleasant country to Bedfd., where, while they stay, I rode through the town; and a good country-town; and there, drinking, we on to Newport; and there light, and I and W. Hewer to the church, and there give the boy 1s. So to Buckingh., a good old town. Here I to see the church, which very good, and the leads, and a school in it. Did give the sexton's boy 1s. A fair bridge here, with many arches. Vexed at my people's making me lose so much time. Reckoning, 13s. 4d. Mighty pleased with the pleasure of the ground all the day. At night to Newpt. Pagnell; and there a good pleasant country-town, but few people in it. A very fair – and like a cathedral – church; and I saw the leads, and a vault that goes far under ground, and here lay with