

with him at Wilkinsons, and my Brother Spicer. After that to Westminster Abbey, and in Henry the 7ths chapel heard part of a sermon, the first that ever I heard there. To my Lord's and dined all alone at the table with him. My wife at home all this day, she having no clothes out, all being packed up yesterday. For this month I have wholly neglected anything of news, and so have beyond belief been ignorant how things go. And now, by my patent, my mind is in some quiet; which God keep. I was not at my father's tonight, I being afeared to go for fear he should still solicit me to speak to my Lord for a place in the Wardrobe, which I dare not do because of my own business yet. My wife and I mightily pleased with our new house that we hope to have.

17. This morning (as ended all the mornings nowadays) much business at my Lord's. There came to my house before I went out, Mr. Barlow, an old consumptive* man and fair-conditioned – with whom I did discourse a great while; and after much talk, I did grant him what he asked – *viz.*, 50*l* per annum if my salary be not encreased and 100*l* per annum in case it be to 350*l*; at which he was very well pleased to be paid as I received my money, and not otherwise. That done and the day proving fair, I went home and got all my goods packed up and sent away. And my wife and I and Mrs. Hunt went by coach, overtaking the carts a-drinking in the Strand – being come to my house and set in the goods; and at night sent my wife and Mrs. Hunt to buy something for supper; they bought a Quarter of lamb; and so we eat it but it was not half roasted. To bed, the first night that I ever lay here with my wife.

18. This morning the carpenter made an end of my door out of my chamber upon the leads. This morning we met at the office. I dined at my house in Seething lane. Thence to my Lord about business; and being in talk, in comes one with half a Bucke from Hinchbrooke, and it smelling a little strong, my Lord did give it me, though it was as good as any could be. I did carry it to my mother to dispose of as she pleased. After that home; where Wll. Ewre¹ now was and did lie this night with us, the first night.

19. I did lie late a-bed. I and my wife by water. Landed her at Whitefriars with her boy, with an Iron of our new range which is

1. Will Hewer, Pepys's new clerk.