

I am not bound to discover myself.

11. My wife and I up very early this day. And though the weather was bad and the wind high, yet my Lady Batten and her mayde and we two did go by our barge to Woolwich (my Lady being very fearful), where we found both Sir Wms: and much other company, expecting the weather to be better that they might go about weighing up the *Assurance*, which lies there under water; only the upper deck may be seen, and the masts. Capt. Stoakes is very melancholly; and being in search for some clothes and money of his, which he says he hath lost out of his Cabbin, I did the first office of a Justice of Peace to examine a seaman thereupon. But could find no reason to commit him. After dinner, my Lady being very fearefull, she stayed and kept my wife there; and I and another gentleman, a friend of Sir W. Pen's, went back in the barge; very merry by the way, and I went as far as Whitehall in her. To the Privy Seale, where I signed many pardons and some few things else. From thence, Mr. Moore and I into London to a taverne near my house and there we drank and discoursed of ways how to put out a little money to the best advantage. And at present he hath persuaded me to put out 250*l* for 50*l* per annum for eight years – and I think I shall do it. Thence home – where I find the wench washing: and I up to my study, and there did make up an even 100*l* and sealed it to lie by. After that to bed.

12. Troubled for the absence of my wife. After dinner to the Privy Seale and sealed abundance of pardons, and little else. From thence to the Exchequer and up with J. Spicer to his office and took 100*l*; and by Coach with it as far as my father's, where I called to see them, and my father did offer me six pieces of gold in lieu of six pounds that he borrowed of me the other day; but it went against me to take of him, and therefore did not, though I was afterward a little troubled that I did not. Thence home and told out this 100*l* and sealed it up with the other last night, it being the first 200*l* that ever I saw together of my own in my life – for which God be praised. So to my Lady Battens and sat an hour or two and talked with her daughter and people, in the absence of her father and mother and my wife, to pass away the time. After that home and to bed – reading myself asleep while the wench sat mending my breeches by my bedside.