

her for her cold and defluxions. We hear that the Dutch are gone down again; and thanks be to God, the trouble they give us this second time is not very considerable.

29. Up, having had many ugly dreams tonight – of my father and my sister and mother's coming to us and meeting my wife and me at the gate of the office going out – they all in laced suits, and come, they told me, to be with me this May day. My mother told me she lacked a pair of gloves, and I remembered a pair of my wife's in my chamber and resolved she should have them. But then recollected how my mother came to be here when I was in mourning for her; and so thinking it to be a mistake in our thinking her all this while dead, I did contrive that it should be said to any that enquired, that it was my mother-in-law, my wife's mother, that was dead and we in mourning for. This dream troubled me and I waked.

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2. Up, and put on my new silk Camelott suit, made of my cloak, and suit now made into a vest. So to the office, where W. Penn and myself and Sir T. Harvy met, the first time we have had a meeting since the coming of the Dutch upon the coast. Our only business (for we have little else to do, nobody being willing to trust us for anything) was to speak with the owners of six merchantmen which we have been taking up this fortnight, and are yet in no readiness, they not fitting their ships without money advanced to them, we owing them for what their ships have earned the last year. This day I am told that poor Tooker is dead, a very painful poor man as ever I knew.

3. Up, and within most of the morning, my tailor's boy coming to alter something in my new suit I put on yesterday. Then to the office and did business, and then (my wife being a little ill of those in the bed) I to Sir W. Batten's and dined, and there comes in Sir Rd. Ford and tells us how he hath been at the Session's house, and there it is plain that there is a combination of rogues in the town that do make it their business to set houses on fire, and that one house they did set on fire in Aldersgate street last Easter, and that this is proved by two young men, whom one of them debauched by degrees to