

a gentleman that persuaded a country fellow to let him gut his oysters or else they would stink.

3. At sermon in the morning. After dinner into my cabin to cast my accounts up; and find myself to be worth near 100*l*, for which I bless Almighty God – it being more then I hoped for so soon; being, I believe, not clearly worth 25*l* when I came to sea, besides my house and goods. Then to set my papers in order, they being increased much upon my hand through want of time to put them in order.

5. After supper my Lord called for the Lieutenant's Gitterne, and with two Candlesticks with money in them for Symballs we made some barber's Musique, with which my Lord was much pleased. So to bed.

6. In the morning I had letters come that told me, among other things, that my Lord's place of Clerke of the Signett¹ was fallen to him. Which he most lovingly did tell me that I should execute, in case he could not get a better imployment for me at the end of the year – because he thought that the Duke of Yorke would command all, but he hoped that the Duke would not remove me but to my advantage. I had a great deal of talk about my uncle Robt., and he told me that he could not tell how his mind stood as to his estate. But he would do all that lay in his power for me. After dinner came Mr. Cooke from London, who told me that my wife he left well at Huntsmore, though her health not altogether so constant as it used to be, which my heart is troubled for. My letters tell me that my Lord hath some great place conferred on him, and they say Master of the Wardrobe. I wrote to my father for a coat to be made me against I come to London, which I think will not be long.

7. About 3 in the morning the people begun to wash the deck and the water came pouring into my mouth, which wakened me; and I was fain to rise and get on my gown, and sleep leaning upon my table. After dinner came Mr. John Wright and Mr. Moore, with the sight of whom my heart was very glad. They brought an order for my Lord's coming up to London – which my Lord resolved to do tomorrow.

1. Correctly, Privy Seal.