

30. Up and at the office all the morning. Then home to dinner, where a stinking leg of mutton — the weather being very wet and hot to keep meat in. Then to the office again all the afternoon; we met about the Victualler's new contract. And so up, and to walk all the evening with my wife and Mrs. Turner in the garden till supper, about 11 at night; and so after supper parted and to bed — my eyes bad but not worse; only, weary with working. But however, I very melancholy under the fear of my eyes being spoilt and not to be recovered; for I am come that I am not able to read out a small letter, and yet my sight good, for the little while I can read, as ever they were I think.

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3. Betimes to the office, my head full of business. Then by coach to Commissioners of Accounts at Brooke house, the first time I ever there. And there Sir W. Turner in the chair; and present, Lord Halifax, Thomson, Gregory, Dunster, and Osborne. I long with them, and see them hot set on this matter; but I did give them proper and safe answers. Halifax, I perceive, was industrious on my side, on behalf of his uncle Coventry, it being the business of Sir W. Warren — vexed only at their denial of a copy of what I set my hand to and swore. Here till almost 2 a-clock; and then home to dinner and set down presently what I had done and said this day; and so abroad by water, I to Eagle Court in the Strand and there to a ale-house; met Mr. Pierce the surgeon and Dr. Clerke, Waldron, Turberville my physician for the eyes, and Lowre, to dissect several Eyes of sheep and oxen, with great pleasure — and to my great information; but strange that this Turberville should be so great a man, and yet to this day had seen no eyes dissected, or but once, but desired this Dr. Lowre to give him the opportunity to see him dissect some. Thence to Unthankes to my wife and carried her home, and there walked in the garden; and so to supper and to bed.

4. Up, and to see Sir W. Coventry and give him account of my doings yesterday; which he well liked of, and was told thereof by my Lord Halifax before. But I do perceive he is much concerned for this business — gives me advice to write a smart letter to the Duke of York about the want of money in the Navy, and desire him to