

are at peace again. They being gone, I to my book again and made an end of Mr. Hooker's Life, and so to bed.

20. Up betimes; and comes my Flagelette man and set me a new tune, which I played presently and shall in a month do as much as I desire at it. He being [gone], I to several businesses in my chamber; and then by coach to the Commissioners of Excise, and so to Westminster hall and there spoke with several persons I had to do with. Having done my business, I then homeward and overtook Mr. Comander; so took him into a coach with me, and he and I into Lincoln's Inne Fields, there to look upon the coach-houses to see what ground is necessary for coach-house and horses, because of that that I am going about to do; and having satisfied myself in this, he and I home and he dined with me all alone, my wife being unfit to be seen: and so after dinner, he and I to Mr. Hides to look upon the ground again behind our house, and concluded upon his going along with us tomorrow to see some stables, he thinking that we demand more room then is necessary. So away home; and then I, it being a broken day and had power by my vows, did walk abroad; first through the Minorys (the first time I have been over the Hill to the postern-gate and seen that place since the houses were pulled down about that side of the Tower since the fire) to find where my young Mercer with my pretty little woman to his wife lives, who lived in Lumbard street – and I did espy them, but took no notice now of them but may do hereafter. Thence down to the Old Swan and there saw Betty Michell, whom I have not seen since her christening. But Lord, how pretty she is, and looks so well as ever I saw her; and her child (which I am fain to seem very fond of) is pretty also I think, and will be. Thence by water to Westminster hall and there walked a while, talking at random with Sir Wm. Doyly; and so away to Mrs. Martin's lodging, who was gone before expecting me; and there yo haze what yo vellem cum her, and drank; and so by coach home (but I have forgot that I did in the morning go to the Swan; and there tumbling of la little fille, son uncle did trouver her cum su neckcloth off, which I was ashamed of, but made no great matter of it but let it pass with a laugh) and there spent the evening with my wife at our Flagelettes; and so to supper, and after a little reading, to bed. My wife still troubled with her cold. I find it everywhere now to be a thing doubted whether we shall have peace or no; and the captain of one of our ships that went with the Embassadors doth say that the seamen of Holland, to