

the King in his place, and so I shall give him all the encouragement I can. Hebden did today in the coach tell me how he is vexed to see things at Court ordered as they are; by nobody that attends business, but every man himself or his pleasures. He cries up my Lord Ashley to be almost the only man that he sees to look after business; and with that ease and mastery that he wonders at him. He cries out against the King's dealing so much with goldsmiths, and suffering himself to have his purse kept and commanded by them. He tells me also with what exact care and order the States of Hollands stores are kept in their Yards, and everything managed there by their builders with such husbandry as is not imaginable – which I will endeavour to understand further, if I can by any means learn.

7. *Whitsunday. Lords day.* Lay long, talking with my wife, sometimes angry; and ended pleased and hope to bring our matters to a better posture in a little time, which God send. So up and to church, where Mr. Mills preached; but I know not how, I slept most of the sermon. Thence home and dined with my wife and Ashwell and after dinner discoursed very pleasantly; and so I to church again in the afternoon. And the Scott preaching again, slept all the afternoon.

9. We met at the office, Mr. Coventry, Sir J. Mennes and I; and so in the evening, business done, I went home. Spent my time till night with my wife. Presently after my coming home comes Pembleton, whether by appointment or no I know not, or whether by a former promise that he would come once before my wife's going into the country. But I took no notice, but let them go up and Ashwell with them to dance; which they did, and I stayed below in my chamber; but Lord, how I listened and laid my eare to the door, and how I was troubled when I heard them stand still and not dance. Anon they made an end and had done, and so I suffered him to go away and spoke not to him, though troubled in my mind; but showed no discontent to my wife, believing that this is the last time I shall be troubled with him. So my wife and I to walk in the garden, and so home and to supper and to bed.

11. Dined at home and then to the office, where we sat all the afternoon. And at night home and spent the evening with my wife, and she and I did jangle mightily about her cushions that she