

wherewith I have been of late mightily troubled. But all the way home I did break abundance of wind behind – which did presage no good, but a great deal of cold gotten. So home and supped; and away went Michell and his wife – of whom I stole two or three salutes. And so to bed, in some pain and in fear of more – which accordingly I met with, for I was in mighty pain all night long, of the Winde griping of my belly and making of me shit often, and vomit too – which is a thing not usual with me. But this I impute to the milk that I drank, after so much beer. But the cold, to my washing my feet the night before.

18. Up in good ease, and so by coach to St. James's after my fellows, and there did our business, which is mostly every day to complain of want of money – and that only will undo us in a little time. Here, among other things, before us all, the Duke of York did say that now at length he is come to a sure knowledge that the Duch did lose in the late engagements 29 captains and 13 ships – upon which, Sir W. Coventry did publicly move that if his Royal Highness had this of a certainty, it would be of use to send this down to the fleet, and to cause it to be spread about the fleet for the recovering of the spirits of the officers and seamen – who are under great dejectedness for want of knowing that they did do anything against the enemy, notwithstanding all that they did to us – which though it be true, yet methought was one of the most dishonourable motions to our countrymen that ever was made – and is worth remembering. Thence with Sir W. Pen home, calling at Lillys to have a time appointed when to be drawn among the other Commanders of Flags the last year's fight. And so full of work Lilly is, that he was fain to take his table-book out to see how his time is appointed; and appointed six days hence for him to come, between 7 and 8 in the morning. Thence with him home; and there by appointment I find Dr. Fuller, now Bishop of Limbricke in Ireland – whom I knew in his low condition at Twittenham. I had also, by his desire, Sir W. Penn, and with him his lady and daughter. And had a good dinner, and find the Bishopp the same good man as ever; and in a word, kind to us, and methinks one of the comeliest and most becoming Pr[e]lates in all respects that ever I saw in my life. During dinner comes an acquaintance of his, Sir Thomas Littleton – whom I knew not while he was in my house, but liked his discourse. And afterward by Sir W. Penn do come to know that he is one of the greatest speakers in the House of Commons, and the