

advanced well in the whole of my estate; for which God make me thankful.

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1. Up, and all the morning at the office. At noon my Cosen Tho. Pepys did come to me to consult about the business of his being a Justice of the Peace, which he is much against; and among other reasons, tells me as a confidence that he is not free to exercise punishment according to the act against Quakers and other people, for religion. Nor doth he understand Latin, and so is not capable of the place as formerly, now all warrants do run in Latin. Not is he in Kent, though he be of Deptford parish, his house standing in Surry. However, I did bring him to encline toward it if he be pressed to take it. I do think it may be some repute to me to have my kinsman in commission there – especially if he behave himself to content in the country. He gone, and my wife gone abroad, I out also, to and fro to see and be seen; among others, to find out in Thames street where Betty Howlett is come to live, being married to Mrs. Michells son – which I did about the Old Swan, but did not think fit to go thither or see them. Thence by water to Redriffe, reading a new French book my Lord Brouncker did give me today, *L'histoire amoureuse des Gaules*, being a pretty Libell against the amours of the Court of France. I walked up and down Deptford yard, where I had not been since I came from living at Greenwich – which is some months. There I met with Mr. Castle and was forced against my will to have his company back with me. So we walked and drank at the Halfway house, and so to his house, where I drank a cup of Syder; and so home – where I find Mr. Norbury, newly come to town, come to see us. After he gone, my wife tells me the ill News that our Su is sick, and gone to bed with great pain in her head and back – which troubles us all. However, we to bed, expecting what tomorrow would produce. She hath, we conceive, wrought a little too much, having neither maid nor girl to help her.

2. Up, and find the girl better, which we are glad of. I with Sir W. Batten to Whitehall by coach. There attended the Duke as usual. Thence with Capt. Cocke, whom I met there, to London to my office to consult about serving him in getting him some money, he