

confess, have patience enough to teach her or hear her sing now and then a note out of tune, and am to blame that I cannot bear with that in her which is fit I should do with her as a learner, and one that I desire much could sing, and so should encourage her. This I was troubled at, for I find that I do put her out of heart and make her fearful to sing before me. So after supper to bed.

31. Out with Sir W. Batten toward Whitehall, being in pain in my cods by being squeezed the other night in a little coach when I carried Pierce and his wife and my people. But I hope I shall be soon well again. And after dinner to my closet, where I spent the whole afternoon till late at evening of all my accounts, public and private; and to my great satisfaction I do find that I do bring my accounts to a very near balance, notwithstanding all the hurries and troubles I have been put to by the late Fire, that I have not been able to even my accounts since July last before. And I bless God, I do find that I am worth more then ever I yet was, which is 6200*l* – for which the holy name of God be praised. And my other accounts, of Tanger, in a very plain and clear condition, that I am not liable to any trouble from them. But in fear great I am, and I perceive the whole City is, of some distractions and disorders among us, which God of his goodness prevent. Late to supper with my wife and brother, and then to bed.

And thus ends the month – with an ill aspect. The business of the Navy standing wholly still. No credit. No goods sold us. Nobody will trust. All we have to do at the office is to hear complaints for want of money. The Duke of York himself, for now three weeks, seems to rest satisfied that we can do nothing without money, and that all must stand still till the King gets money – which the Parliament have been a great while about, but are so dissatisfied with the King's management, and his giving himself up to pleasures, and not minding the calling to account any of his officers – and they observe so much the expense of the war, and yet that after we have made it the most we can, it doth not amount to what they have given the King for the Warr, that they are backward of giving any more. However, 180000*l* they have voted, but the way of gathering it hath taken up more time then is fit to be now lost. The seamen grow very rude, and everything out of order – commanders having no power over their seamen, but the seamen do what they please. Few stay on board, but all coming running up hither to town; and nobody can with justice blame them, we owing