

King had like to have taken him a-bed with her, but that he was fain to creep under the bed into her closet. And so he talked very lewdly. And then took notice of my kindness to him on shipboard seven years ago, when the King was coming over, and how much he was obliged to me; but says, "Pray look upon this acknowledgement of a kindness in me to be a miracle; for," says [he], "it is against the law at Court for a man that borrows money of me, even to buy his place with, to own it the next Sunday." And then told us his horse was a Bribe, and his boots a bribe; and told us he was made up of bribes, as a Oxford scholar is set out with other men's goods when he goes out of town, and that he makes every sort of tradesmen to bribe him; and invited me home to his house to taste of his bribe-wine. I never heard so much vanity from a man in my life. So being now weary of him, we parted, and I took coach and carried Creed to the Temple, there set him down, and to my office, where busy late till my eyes begun to ake; and then home to supper: a pullet, with good sauce, to my liking; and then to play on the flagelette with my wife, which she now does very prettily, and so to bed.

✧AUGUST✧

4. *Lords day.* Busy at my office from morning till night in writing with my own hand fair our large general account of the expense and debt of the Navy – which lasted me till night to do, that I was almost blind; and Mr. Gibson with me all day long, and dined with me; and excellent discourse I had with him, he understanding all the business of the Navy most admirably. To walk a little with my wife at night in the garden, it being very hot weather again, and so to supper and to bed.

9. Up, and betimes with Sir H. Cholmly upon some accounts of Tanger; and then he and I to Westminster to Mr. Burges and then walked in the Hall. And he and I talked, and he doth really declare that he expects that of necessity this Kingdom will fall back again to a commonwealth; and other wise men are of the same mind, this family doing all that silly men can do to make themselves unable to support their Kingdom – minding their lust and their pleasure, and making their government so chargeable, that people do well remember better things were done, and better managed and with