

landers coming forth; who are, it seems, very high and rather more ready then we. God give a good issue to it.

MARCH

1. Up – and this day being the day that, by a promise a great while ago made to my wife, I was to give her 20*l* to lay out in clothes against Easter, she did, notwithstanding last night's falling-out, come to peace with me and I with her, but did boggle mightily at the parting with my money, but at last did give it her; and then she abroad to buy her things, and I to my office, where busy all the morning. At noon I to dinner at Trinity house – and thence to Gresham College, where, first Mr. Hooke read a second very curious* Lecture about the late Comett, among other things, proving very probably that this is the very same Comett that appeared before in the year 1618, and that in such a time probably it will appear again – which is a very new opinion – but all will be in print. Then to the meeting, where Sir G. Carterets two sons, his own and Sir N. Slany, were admitted of the Society. And this day I did pay my admission money – 40*s.* – to the Society. Here was very fine discourses – and experiments; but I do lack philosophy enough to understand them, and so cannot remember them. Among others, a very particular account of the making of the several sorts of bread in France, which is accounted the best place for bread in the world.

4. Up very betimes; and walked, it being bitter cold, to Ratcliffe to the plat-maker's and back again. To the office, where we sat all the morning. I, with being empty and full of ayre and wind, had some pain today. Dined alone at home, my wife being gone abroad to buy some more things. All the afternoon at the office. At night home to supper and to bed. This day was proclaimed at the Change the war with Holland.

7–8. Up, and was pretty well; but going to the office, and I think it was sitting with my back to the fire, it set me in a great rage again, that I could not continue till past noon at the office, but was forced to go home; nor could sit down to dine, but betook myself to my bed; and being there a while, my pain begun to abate and grow less