

even out of myself, carried it home in a coach – he himself expressly taking care that nobody might see this business done, though I was willing enough to have carried a servant with me to have received it; but he advised me to do it myself. So home with it and to dinner. After dinner, I forth with my boy to buy several things, Stooles and Andirons and candlesticks, &c., household stuff. And walked to the Mathematical instrument-maker in Moorefields and bought a large pair of compasses. And there met Mr. Pargiter, and he would needs have me to drink a cup of Horseredish ale, which he and a friend of his, troubled with the stone, have been drinking of – which we did, and then walked into the fields as far almost as Sir G. Whitmores, all the way talking of Russia – which he says is a sad place; and though Mosco is a very great city, yet it is, from the distance between house and house, and few people compared with this – and poor sorry houses, the Emperor himself living in a wooden house – his exercise only flying a hawke at pigeons and carrying pigeons ten or twelve mile off and then laying wagers which pigeon shall come soonest home to her house. All the winter within doors, some few playing at Chesse but most drinking their time away. Women live very slavishly there. And it seems, in the Emperor's Court no room hath above two or three windows, and those the greatest not a yard wide or high – for warmth in winter time. And that the general cure for all diseases there is their sweating-houses – or people that are poor, they get into their ovens, being heated, and there lie. Little learning among things of any sort – not a man that speaks Latin, unless the Secretary of State by chance. Mr. Pargiter and I walked to the Change together and there parted; and so I to buy more things and then home; and after a little at my office – home to supper and to bed.

18. Last night it seems my aunt Wight did send my wife a new scarfe, laced, as a token for her many givings to her. It is true, now and then we give them small toys, as oranges, &c. – but my aime is to get myself something more from my uncles favour then this.

19. I met with Dr. Pierce today; who speaking of Dr. Fraizer's being so earnest to have such a one (one Collins) go Chyrurgeon to the Princes person, and will have him go in his terms and with so much money put into his hands, he tells me (when I was wondering that Fraizer should order things with the Prince in that confident manner) that Fraizer is so great with my Lady Castlemayne and