

often charge and cost to me as it hath occasioned me. They being gone, I and Balty walked as far as Charing cross, and there got a coach and to Hales's the painter, thinking to have found Harris sitting there for his picture which is drawing for me. But he and all this day's company, and Hales, were got to the Crown tavern at next door; and thither I to them and stayed a minute (leaving Capt. Grant telling pretty stories of people that have killed themselves or been accessory to it, in revenge to other people and to mischief other people); and thence with Hales to his house and there did see his beginning of Harris's picture, which I think will be pretty like, and he promises a very good picture. Thence with Balty away, and got a coach and to Hide Parke, and there up and down and did drink some milk at the Lodge; and so home and to bed.

28. Up betimes and to Sir W. Coventry's by water, but lost my labour; so through the park to Whitehall, and thence to my Lord Crews to advise again with him about my Lord Sandwich; and so to the office, where till noon; and then I by coach to Westminster hall, and there do understand that the business of religion and the act against Conventicles have so taken them up all this morning, and doth still, that my Lord Sandwiches business is not like to come on today; which I am heartily glad of. This law against Conventicles is very severe; but Creed, whom I met here, doth tell me that it being moved that Papists meetings might be included, the House was divided upon it and it was carried in the negative; which will give great disgust to the people I doubt. Thence with Creed to Hercules Pillars by the Temple again, and there dined, he and I all alone; and thence to the King's House and there did see *Love in a maze*; wherein very good mirth of Lacy the clown and Wintersell the country-knight, his maister. Thence to the New Exchange to pay a debt of my wife's there, and so home; and there to the office and walk in the garden in the dark to ease my eyes; and so home to supper and to bed.

30. Up, and at the office all the morning. At noon Sir J. Mennes and I to the Dolphin tavern, there to meet our neighbours, all of the Parish, this being procession-day,<sup>1</sup> to dine – and did; and much very good discourse, they being most of them very able merchants, as any in the City – Sir Andr. Rickard, Mr. Vandeputt, Sir Jo. Fredricke, Harrington, and others. They talked with Mr. Mills

1. Ascension Day, when the parish bounds were beaten.