

16. Up betimes and to my office. Anon met to pass Mr. Pitts (Sir J. Lawson's Secretary and Deputy Treasurer) accounts for the voyage last to the Streights – wherein the demands are strangely irregular; and I dare not oppose it alone, for making an enemy, and both no good but only bring a review upon my Lord Sandwiches; but God knows, it troubles my heart to see it and to see the Comptroller, whose duty it is, to make no more matter of it. At noon home for an hour to dinner, and so to the office, public and private, till late at night; so home to supper and bed with my father.

17. Up by 5 a-clock, as I have long done, and to my office all the morning; at noon home to dinner with my father with us. Our dinner, it being Goodfriday, was only sugar sopps and fish; the only time that we have had a Lenten dinner all this Lent. This morning Mr. Hunt the instrument-maker brought me home a Basse viall to see whether I like it, which I do not very well; besides, I am under a doubt whether I had best buy one yet or no – because of spoiling my present mind and love to business. After dinner my father and I walked into the City a little and parted; and I to Pauls churchyard to cause the title of my English *Mare Clausum* to be changed and the new title, dedicated to the King, to be put to it, because I am ashamed to have the other seen dedicate[d] to the Commonwealth. So home and to my office till night; and so home to talk with my father, and sup and to bed – I having not had yet one Quarter of an hour's leisure to sit down and talk with him since he came to towne. Nor do I know till the holidays when I shall.

19. *Easterday*. Up, and this day put on my close-kneed colourd suit; which, with new stockings of that colour, with belt and new gilt-handle sword, is very handsome. To church alone. And so to dinner, where my father and brother Tom dined with us. And after dinner to church again, my father sitting below in the chancel. After church done (where the young scotchman preaching, I slept all the while) my father and I see my uncle and aunt Wight; and after a stay of an hour there, my father to my brothers and I home to supper. And after supper fell in discourse of dancing, and I find that Ashwell hath a very fine carriage, which makes my wife almost ashamed of herself to see herself so outdonne; but tomorrow she begins to learn to dance for a month or two. So to prayers and to bed – my Will being gone with my leave to his father's this day for a day or two, to take physique these holidays.