

I never heard before. At Woolwich, up and down to do the same business and so back to Greenwich by water; and there, while something is dressing for our dinner, Sir Wm. and I walked into the Parke, where the King hath planted trees and made steps in the hill up to the Castle, which is very magnificent. So to dinner at the Globe, and Capt. Lambert of the Dukes pleasure-boat came to us and dined with us. And were merry and so home. And I in the evening to the Exchange and spoke with Uncle Wight; and so home and walked with my wife on the leads late; and so the barber came to me; and so to bed very weary, which I seldom am.

13. *Lords day.* Sir W. [Batten] comes to me to bring me a paper of Fieldes (with whom we have lately had a great deal of trouble at the office), being a bitter petition to the King against our office, for not doing Justice upon his complaint to us of embezzlement of the King's stores by one Turpin.¹ I took Sir Wm. to Sir W. Pens (who was newly come from Walthamstowe), and there we read it and discoursed; but we do not much fear it, the King referring it to the Duke of Yorke. So we drank a glass or two of wine; and so home and I to bed – my wife being in bed already.

16. Up earely and took my physique; it wrought all the morning well. At noon dined; and all the afternoon, Mr. Hater to that end coming to me, he and I did go about my abstracting all the Contracts made in the office since we came into it. So at night to bed.

18. This morning, sending the boy down into the cellar for some beer, I fallowed him with a cane, and did there beat him for his staying of arrands and other faults, and his sister came to me down and begged for him: so I forebore. And afterwards in my wife's chamber did there talk to Jane how much I did love the boy for her sake and how much it doth concern to correct the boy for his faults, or else he would be undone. So at last she was well pleased. This morning Sir G. Carteret, Sir W. Batten and I met at the office and did conclude of our going to Portsmouth next week. In which, my

1. Field had been imprisoned for slandering the Navy Board. He now brought actions for wrongful arrest against the Board collectively and Pepys and Batten individually, on the ground that the Board had no powers of magistracy in the City. He won the cases but was awarded only small damages. In 1664 an act was passed giving the Board the required powers.