

wife, sometimes pleased, sometimes displeased; and then up and to dinner. All the afternoon also at home and Sir W. Batten's, and in the evening comes Mr. Andrews and we sung together; and then to supper (he not staying) and at supper, hearing by accident of my mayds their letting in a rogueing Scotch woman that haunts the office, to help them to wash and scour in our house, and that very lately, I fell mightily out, and made my wife, to the disturbance of the house and neighbours, to beat our little girle; and then we shut her down into the cellar and there she lay all night. So we to bed.

20. Up, and with Sir J. Mennes to attend the Duke; and then we back again and rode into the beginnings of my Lord Chancellors new house, near St. James's, which common people have already called Dunkirke house, from their opinion of his having a good bribe for the selling of that town.¹ And very noble I believe it will be. Near that is my Lord Berkely beginning another on one side, and Sir J. Denham on the other. Thence I to the House of Lords and spoke with my Lord Bellases; and so to the Change and there did business; and so to the Sun Taverne – having in the morning had some high words with Sir J. Lawson about his sending of some bayled goods to Tanger; wherein the truth is, I did not favour him. But being conscious that some of my profit may come out, by some words that fell from him; and to be quiet, I have accommodated it. Here we dined, merry; but my club and the rest come to 7s. 6d., which was too much. Thence to the office and there found Bagwells wife, whom I directed to go home and I would do her business; which was to write a letter to my Lord Sandwich for her husband's advance into a better ship as there should be occasion – which I did; and by and by did go down by water to Deptford yard, and then down further and so landed at the lower end of the town; and it being dark, did privately entrer en la maison de la femme de Bagwell, and there I had sa compagnie, though with a great deal of difficulty; néanmoins, enfin je avais ma volonté d'elle. And being sated therewith, I walked home to Redriffe, it being now near 9 a-clock; and there I did drink some strong waters and eat some bread and cheese, and so home – where at my office, my wife comes and tells me that she hath hired a chambermaid, one of the prettiest maids that ever she saw in her life, and that she is really jealous of me for her – but hath ventured to hire her from month to month. But I

1. See above, p. 228 (19 October) & n. 2.