

bound with him in to my Cosen Tho. Pepys, in both which I will get myself at liberty as soon as I can – for I do not like his being angry and in debt both together to me; and besides, I do not perceive he looks after paying his debts, but runs farther and farther in.

11. Up, and after much pleasant discourse with my wife, and to the office, where we sat all the morning and did much business, and some much to my content, by prevailing against Sir W. Batten for the King's profit. At noon home to dinner my wife and I, hand-to-fist to a very fine pig. This noon Mr. Falconer came and visited my wife and brought her a present, a silver state-cup and cover, value about 3 or 4*l*. He did not stay dinner with me. I am almost sorry for this present, because I would have reserved him for a place to go in summer a-visiting at Woolwich with my wife.

15. Up; and carrying my wife to my Lord's lodgings, left her and I to Whitehall to the Duke; where he first put on a periwig today but methought his hair, cut short in order thereto, did look very prettily of itself before he put on his periwig. Thence to his closet and did our business. And thence Mr. Coventry and I down to his chamber and spent a little time; and so parted and I took my wife homeward, I stopping at the Coffee-house and thence a while to the Change (where great news of the arrivall of two rich ships, the *Greyhound* and another, which they were mightily afear'd of and great insurance given); and so home to dinner and after an hour with my wife at her globes, I to the office, where very busy till 11 at night; and so home to supper and to bed. This afternoon Sir Tho. Chamberlin came to the office to me and showed me several letters from the East Indys, showing the heighth that the Dutch are come to there; showing scorn to all the English even in our only Factory there of Surratt, beating several men and hanging the English Standard St. George under the Dutch flag in scorn; saying that whatever their masters do or say at home, they will do what they list and will be masters of all the world there, and have so proclaimed themselves Sovereigne of all the South Seas – which certainly our King cannot endure, if the parliament will give him money. But I doubt and yet do hope they will not yet, till we are more ready for it.

17. Up, and with my wife, setting her down by her father's in