

that ever I heard any in my life. Here dined Mrs. Pierce and her husband.

5. *Lords day*. My wife being much in pain, I went this morning to Dr. Williams (who had cured her once of this business) in Holborne, and he did give me an oyntment which I sent home by my boy and a plaster, which I took with me to Westminster, where I dined with Mr. Sheply (my Lord dining at Kensington).

6. This morning at the office; and that being done, home to dinner all alone, my wife being ill in pain a-bed – which I was troubled at, and not a little impatient. After dinner to Whitehall at the Privy Seale all the afternoon; and at night with Mr. Man to Mr. Rawlinson's in Fanchurch street, where we stayed till 11 a-clock at night; so home and to bed – my wife being all this day in great pain. This night Mr. Man offered me 1000*l* for my office of Clerk of the Acts, which made my mouth water; but yet I dare not take it till I speak with my Lord to have his consent.

9. With Judge-Advocate Fowler, Mr. Creed and Mr. Sheply to the Rhenish winehouse, and Capt. Hayward of the *Plymouth*, who is now ordered to carry my Lord Winchelsea Ambassador to Constantinople. We were very merry, and Judge-Advocate did give Capt. Hayward his oath of Allegiance and Supremacy. Thence to my office of Privy Seale; and having signed some things there, with Mr. Moore and Deane Fuller to the Leg in King street; and sending for my wife, we dined there – very merry, and after dinner parted. After dinner, with my wife to Mrs. Blackburne to visit her. She being within, I left my wife there; and I to the Privy Seal, where I despatch some business; and from thence to Mrs. Blackburne again, who did treat my wife and I with a great deal of civility and did give us a fine collation of collar of beef, &c. Thence, I having my head full of drink through having drunk so much Rhenish wine in the morning and more in the afternoon at Mrs. Blackburne. Came home and so to bed, not well; and very ill all night.

10. I had a great deal of pain all night and a great looseness upon me, so that I could not sleep. In the morning I rose with much pain and to the office I went and dined at home; and after dinner, with great pain in my back, I went by water to Whitehall to the Privy Seale; and that done, with Mr. Moore and Creed to Hideparke by