

affairs of the Navy and how I was now to wait today at the Privy Seale. Comissioner Pett was with me, whom I desired to make my excuse at the office for my absence this day. Thence to the Privy Seale Office, where I got (by Mr. Mathews means) possession of the books and table. In the afternoon at the office again, where we had many things to sign; and I went to the Council chamber and there got my Lord to sign the first bill, and the rest all myself – but received no money today. After I had signed all, I went with Dicke Scobell and Luellin to drink at a bottle-beer house in the Strand; and after staying there a while (having sent W. Ewre home before), I took boat and homewards went, and in Fish street bought a lobster; and as I had bought it I met with Winter and Mr. Delabarr and there, with a piece of Sturgeon of theirs, we went to the Sun tavern in that street and eat them. Late home and to bed.

2. To Westminster by water with Sir W. Batten and Sir W. Penn (our servants in another boat) to the Admiralty; and from thence I went to my Lord's to fetch him thither. Where we stayed all the morning about ordering of money for the victuallers and advising how to get a sum of money to carry on the business of the Navy. From thence, dined with Mr. Blackburne at his house with his friends, where we were very well treated and merry. From thence, W. Ewre and I to the office of Privy Seale, where I stayed all the afternoon and received about 40*l* for yesterday and today, at which my heart rejoiced for God's blessing to me, to give me this advantage by chance – there being of this 40*l* about 10*l* due to me for this day's work. So great is the present profit of this office above what it was in the King's time; there being the last month about 300 bills, whereas in the last King's time it was much to have 40. With my money, home by coach. It being the first time that I could get home before our gates were shut since I came to the Navy Office. When I came home, I find my wife not very well of her old pain in the lip of her *chuse*, which she had when we were first married.

3. Up betimes this morning; and after the Barber had done with me, then to the office, where I and Sir W. Penn only did meet and despatch business. At noon my wife and I by coach to Dr Clerkes to dinner. I was very much taken with his lady, a comely, proper woman (though not handsome); but a woman of the best language