

Cooke and another, and brave Musique; and then the King Come down and offered, and took the Sacrament upon his Knees – a sight very well worth seeing. Thence with Sir G. Carteret to his lodging to dinner, with his Lady. We were very merry, and good discourse, and I had much talk with my Lady – after dinner; and so to Chappell again and there had another good Anthemne of Capt. Cookes. Thence to the Councell Chamber; where the King and Council sat till almost 11 a-clock at night, and I forced to walk up and down the gallerys till that time of night. They were reading all the bills over that are to pass tomorrow at the House, before the King's going out of towne – and prorogueing the House.

20. Sir W. Penn and I did a little business at the office, and so home again. Then comes Deane Fuller after we had dined, but I got something for him; and very merry we were for an houre or two, and I am most pleased with his company and goodness. At last parted, and my wife and I by coach to the Opera and there saw the second part of *Seige of Rhodes*, but it is not so well done as when Roxalana was there – who, it is said, is now owned by my Lord of Oxford. Thence to tower wharfe and there took boat; and we all walked to halfeway house and there eat and drunk – and were pleasant; and so finally home again in the evening, and so good-night – this being a very pleasant life that we now lead, and have long done; the Lord be blessed and make us thankful. But though I am much against too much spending, yet I do think it best to enjoy some degree of pleasure, now that we have health, money and opportunities, rather then to leave pleasures to old age or poverty, when we cannot have them so properly.

21. My wife and I by water to Westminster; and after she had seen her father (of whom lately I have heard nothing at all what he does, or her mother), she came to me to my Lord's Lodgeings, where she and I stayed, walking into Whitehall garden; and in the privy Garden saw the finest smocks and linen petticoats of my Lady Castlemaynes, laced with rich lace at the bottomes, that ever I saw; and did me good to look upon them. So to Wilkinsons, she and I and Sarah, to dinner, where I had a good Quarter of Lamb and a salat. Here Sarah told me how the King dined at my Lady Castlemayne, and supped, every day and night the last week. And that the night that the bonefires were made for joy of the Queenes arrivall, the King was there; but there was no fire at her door,