

therein expressed; which troubled us also. But above all, our trouble is to find that his estate appears nothing as we expected and all the world believes. Nor his papers so well sorted as I would have had them, but all in confusion, that break my brains to understand them. We missed also the Surrenders of his Coppyhold land, without which the land could not come to us but to the heire-at-law.<sup>1</sup> So that what with this and the badness of the drink and the ill opinion I have of the meat, and the biting of the gnatts by night – and my disappointment in getting home this week – and the trouble of sorting all the papers, I am almost out of my wits with trouble. Only, I appear the more contented, because I would not have my father troubled.

15. Up by 3 a-clock this morning and rode to Cambrige, and was there by 7 a-clock. Where after I was trimmed, I went to Christ College and find my brother John at 8 a-clock in bed, which vexed me. Then to Kings College chappell, where I find the schollers in their surplices at the service with the organs – which is a strange sight to what it used in my time to be here. Rode to Impington – where I find my old Uncle<sup>2</sup> setting all alone, like a man out of the world. He can hardly see; but all things else he doth pretty livelyly. Then with Dr. John Pepys and him, I read over the Will and had their advice therein; who, as to the sufficiency thereof, confirmed me, and advised me as to the other parts thereof.

16-19. These four days we spent in putting things in order – letting of the cropp upon the ground – agreeing with Stankes to have a care of our business in our absence, and we think ourselves in nothing happy but in lighting upon him to be our bayly – in riding to Offord and Sturtlow, and up and down all our lands; and in the evening walking, my father and I, about the fields talking. To supper and to bed – my aunt continuing in her base hypocriticall tricks.

21. *Lords day.* At home all the morning, putting my papers in order against my going tomorrow and doing many things else to that end. Had a good dinner, and Stankes and his wife with us. To my business again in the afternoon; and in the evening came the two

1. The deceased's brother Thomas.

2. Talbot Pepys.