

Lords<sup>1</sup> having caused this and what is like to fallow, for everybody is encouraged nowadays to speak and even to print (as I have one of them) as bad things against them as ever in the year 1640; which is a strange change. He gone, I to the office, where busy till late at night; and then home to sit with my wife, who is a little better and her cheek asswaged. I read to her out of the *History of Algiers*, which is mighty pretty reading – and did discourse alone about my sister Pall's match which is now on foot with one Jackson, another nephew of Mr. Phillips's, to whom the former<sup>2</sup> hath left his estate. And so to supper and then to bed.

22. *Lords day*. Up, and my wife, poor wretch, still in pain; and then to dress myself and down to my chamber to settle some papers; and thither came to me Willet with an errand from her mistress, and this time I first did give her a little kiss, she being a very pretty-humoured girl, and so one that I do love mightily. Thence to my office and there did a little business; and so to church – where a dull sermon; and then home and there to dinner, and Cosen Kate Joyce came and dined with me and Mr. Holliard; but by chance, I offering occasion to him to discourse of the church of Rome, Lord, how he run on to discourse with the greatest vehemence and importunity in the world, as the only thing in the world that he is full of – and it was good sport to me to see him so earnest on so little occasion. She came to see us and to tell me that her husband is going to build his house again, and would borrow of me 300*l*; which I shall upon good security be willing to do, and so told her, being willing to have some money out of my hands upon good security. After dinner, up to my wife again, and who is in great pain still with her tooth and cheek; and there, they gone, I spent the most of the afternoon and night reading and talking to bear her company, and so to supper and to bed.

24. Up, and all the morning at the office; and at noon with my clerks to dinner and then to the office again, busy at the office till 6 at night; and then by coach to St. James's, it being now about 6 at night, my design being to see the Ceremonys, this night being the Eve of Christmas, at the Queen's Chapel, But it being not begun, I to Westminster hall and there stayed and walked; and then to the

1. Clarendon's impeachment.

2. Her former suitor, Robert Ensum (d. 1666).