

well entered into the business and esteem of the office, and do ply it close and find benefit by it.

✧ AUGUST ✧

1. God forgive me, I was sorry to hear that Sir W. Pens maid Betty was gone away yesterday, for I was in hopes to have had a bout with her before she had gone, she being very pretty. I have also a mind to my own wench, but I dare not, for fear she should prove honest and refuse and then tell my wife.

6. At night, writing in my Study, a mouse run over my table, which I shut up fast under my shelfe's upon my table till tomorrow. And so home and to bed.

7. Up by 4 a-clock and to my office; and by and by Mr. Cooper comes and to our modell – which pleases me more and more. At this till 8 a-clock, and so we sat in the office and stayed all the morning, my interest still growing, for which God be praised. This morning I got unexpectedly the *Reserve* for Mr. Cooper to be Maister of, which was only by taking an opportune time to motion, which is one good effect of my being constant at the office; that nothing passes without me, and I have the choice of my own times to propose anything I would have. Dined at home and to the office again at my business all the afternoon till night, and so to supper and to bed – it being become a pleasure to me nowadays to fallow my business, and the greatest part of it may be imputed to my drinking no wine and going to no plays.

8. Up by 4 a-clock in the morning and at 5 by water to Woolwich, there to see the manner of Tarring; and all the morning looking to see the several proceedings in making of Cordage and other things relating to that sort of works, much to my satisfaccion. At noon came Mr. Coventree on purpose from Hampton Court to see the same. And dined with Mr. Falconer; and after dinner, to several experiments of Hempe and perticularly some Millan hemp that is brought over ready-dressed. Thence we walked, talking, very good discourse all the way to Greenwich; and I do find most excellent discourse from him. Among other things, his rule of