

much less charge, under a commonwealth then they have been by this King.

10. At the office all the morning, and at noon home to dinner, where I sang and piped with my wife with great pleasure, and did hire a coach to carry us to Barnet tomorrow. After dinner, I to the office and there wrote as long as my eyes would give me leave, and then abroad and to the New Exchange to the bookseller's there, where I hear of several new books coming out – Mr. Pratts history of the Royal Society and Mrs. Phillips's poems. Sir Jo. Denhams poems are going to be all printed together; and among others, some new things, and among them he showed me a copy of verses of his upon Sir Jo. Minnes's going heretofore to Bulloigne to eat a pig. Cowly, he tells me, is dead, who it seems was a mighty civil, serious man, which I did not know before. Several good plays are also likely to be abroad soon – as, *Mustapha* and *Henry the 5th*. Here having stayed and diverted myself a good while, I home again and to finish my letters by the post; and so home, and betimes to bed with my wife because of rising betimes tomorrow.

11. *Lords day.* Up by 4 a-clock and ready with Mrs. Turner to take coach before 5; which we did, and set on our Journy and got to the Wells at Barnett by 7 a-clock, and there found many people a-drinking; but the morning is a very cold morning, so as we were very cold all the way in the coach. Here we met Joseph Batelier and I talked with him, and here was W. Hewers also and his uncle Steventon. So after drink[ing] three glasses, and the women nothing, we back by coach to Barnett, where to the Red Lyon; where we light and went up into the Great Room and there drank and eat some of the best cheese-cakes that ever I eat in my life; and so took coach again, and W. Hewers on horseback with us, and so to Hatfield to the inn next my Lord Salsbury's house, and there we rested ourselvs and drank and bespoke dinner; and so to church, it being just church-time, and there we find my Lord and my Lady Sands and several fine ladies of the family and a great many handsome faces and gentle persons more in the church, and did hear a most excellent good sermon, which pleased me mightily; and very devout, it being upon the signs of saving grace where it is in a man; and one sign, which held him all this day, was that where that grace was, there is also the grace of prayer; which he did handle very finely. In this church lies the former Lord Salsbury, Cecill, buried in