

miscarriage of the *Satisfaccion*, sunk the other day on the Duch coast through the negligence of the pilott.

5. *Lords day*. Lay long in bed, talking with my wife; and among other things, fell out about my mayde Sarah, which my wife would fain put away, when I think her as good a servant as ever came into a house, but it seems my wife would have one that could dress a head well. But we were friends at last. I to church; and this day the parson hath got one to read with a surplice on; I suppose himself will take it up hereafter – for a cunning fellow he is as any of his coate. Dined with my wife; and then to talk again above, chiefly about her learning to dance, against her going next year into the country; which I am willing she shall do.

17. To my Lord Sandwich by water and told him how well things did go in the country with me,¹ of which he was very glad, and seems to concern himself much for me. Thence with Mr. Creede to Westminster hall, and by and by thither comes Capt. Ferrer, upon my sending for him; and we three to Creedes chamber and there sat a good while and drank Chocolate. Here I am told how things go at Court; that the young men get uppermost, and the old serious lords are out of favour. That Sir H. Bennet being brought into Sir Edwd. Nicholas place, Sir Ch. Barkely is made Privy purse – a most vicious person, and one whom Mr. Pierce the surgeon today (at which I laugh to myself) did tell me that he offered his wife 300*l* per annum to be his whore. He also told me that none in Court hath more the King's eare now then Sir Ch. Barkely and Sir H. Bennet and my Lady Castlemayne, whose interest is now as great as ever. And that Mrs. Haslerigge, the great beauty, is got with child and now brought to bed, and lays it to the King or the Duke of York. He tells me too, that my Lord St Albans is like to be Lord Treasurer; all which things do trouble me much.

19. *Lords day*. I am sorry to hear that the news of the selling of Dunkirke² is taken so generally ill, as I find it is among the merchants; and other things, as removal of officers at Court, good

1. Pepys had recently visited Brampton where the court of the manor rejected his Uncle Thomas's claim to the Brampton part of Robert Pepys's estate. Cf. above, pp. 144-5 (8-13 July).

2. Acquired from Spain in 1658 and now sold to France.