

hath but rarely done to me, though every day almost to others of us; but he is a cunning fellow and knows where the good victualls is and the good drink, at Sir W. Batten. However, I used him civilly, though I love him as I do the rest of his coat. So to supper and to bed.

11. Up by 4 a-clock, and hard at my multiplicacion table, which I am now almost maister of. And so made me ready and to my office – where by and by comes Mr. Pett and then a messenger from Mr. Coventry, who stays in his boat at the Tower for us; so we to him and down to Deptford first and there viewed some Deales, lately served in at a low price; which our officers, like knaves, would undervalue in their worth – but we find them good. Then to Woolwich and viewed well all the houses and stores there, which lie in very great confusion for want of storehouses. And then to Mr. Ackworths and Sheldens to view their books – which we find not to answer the King's service and security at all, as to the stores. Then to the Ropeway and there viewed the hemp, wherein we find great corruption. And then saw a trial between Sir R. Fords yarn and our own, and find great oddes. So by water back again, about 5 in the afternoon, to Whitehall, and so to St. James's and at Mr. Coventrys chamber, which is very neat and fine, we had a pretty neat dinner; and after dinner fell to discourse of business and regulation and do think of many things that will put matters into better order.

12. Up by 5 a-clock – and put things in my house in order, to be laid up against my workmen come on Monday to take down the top of my house – which trouble I must go through now, but it troubles me much to think of it. So to my office – where till noon we sat; and then I to dinner and to the office all the afternoon, with much business. At night with Cooper at Arithmetique; and then came Mr. Creede about my Lord's accounts, to even them; and he gone, I to supper and to bed.

16. This day I was told that my Lady Castlemayne (being quite fallen out with her husband) did yesterday go away from him with all her plate, Jewells and other best things; and is gone to Richmond to a brother of hers; which I am apt to think was a design to get out of town, that the King might come at her the better. But strange it is, how for her beauty I am willing to conster all this to the best and