

– where Mr. Mills, a good sermon. To dinner at home, where very pleasant with my wife and family. After dinner, I to Sir W. Batten's and there received so much good usage (as I have of late done) from him and my Lady, obliging me and my wife, according to promise, to come and dine with them tomorrow with our neighbours, that I was in pain all the day, and night too after, to know how to order the business of my wife's not going. Thence to the French church; but coming too late, I returned and to Mr. Rawlinson's church, where I heard a good sermon of one that I remember was at Pauls with me, his name Maggett. And very great store of fine women there is in this church, more then I know anywhere else about us. So home and to my chamber, looking over and setting in order my papers and books; and so to supper, and then to prayers and to bed.

26. Up and with Sir W. Penn to Whitehall, and there with the rest did our usual business before the Duke; and then with Sir W. Batten back and to his house, where I by sickness excused my wife's coming to them today. Thence I to the Coffee-house, where much good discourse; and all the opinion now is that the Duch will avoid fighting with us at home but do all the hurt they can to us abroad – which it may be they may for a while; but that I think cannot support them long. Thence to Sir W. Batten, where Mr. Coventry and all our families here, women and all, and Sir R. Ford and his. And a great feast – and good discourse and merry. I here all the afternoon and evening till late; only stepped in to see my wife. Then to my office to enter my day's work; and so home to bed, where my people and wife innocently at cards, very merry. And I to bed, leaving them to their sport and blindman's buff.

27–28. My people came to bed after their sporting, at 4 a-clock in the morning. I up at 7, and to Deptford and Woolwich in a galley, the Duke calling to me out of the barge, in which the King was with him going down the River, to know whither I was going; I told him to Woolwich. But was troubled afterward I should say no farther, being in a galley, lest he think me too profuse in my journys. Did several businesses; and then back again by 2 a-clock to Sir J. Mennes to dinner by appointment, where all yesterday's company but Mr. Coventry, who could not come. Here merry; and after an hour's chat, I down to the office, where busy late, and then home to supper and to bed. The Comett appeared again tonight, but duskishly. I went to bed, leaving my wife and all her folks, and Will also, to