

extraordinary in my office in a book by themselves);<sup>1</sup> and so in the evening, after long discourse and eased my mind by discourse with Sir W. Warren, I to my business late; and so home to supper and to bed.

8. Up betimes and to the office; and anon it begin to be fair, after a great shower this morning; Sir W. Batten and I by water (calling his son Castle by the way, between whom and I no notice at all of his letter the other day to me) to Deptford; and after a turn in the yard, I went with him to the Almeshouse to see the new building which he with some ambition is building of there, during his being Maister of Trinity house. And a good work it is; but to see how simply he answered somebody concerning setting up the arms of the corporation upon the door, that and anything else; he did not deny it but said he would leave that to the Maister that comes after him. There I left him and to the King's yard again and there made good enquiry into the business of the poop lanterns; wherein I find occasion to correct myself mightily for what I have done in the contract with the platerer and am resolved, though I know not how, to make them to alter it, though they signed it last night. And so I took Stanes home with me by boat and discoursed it; and he will come to reason when I can make him to understand it. No sooner landed but it fell a mighty storm of rain and hayle; so I put into a Cane shop and bought one to walk with, cost me 4s. - 6d. - all of one Joynt. So home to dinner, and had an excellent Good friday dinner of pease porridge - and apple pie. So to the office all the afternoon, preparing a new book for my contracts. And this afternoon came home the office globes, done to my great content. In the evening, a little to visit Sir W. Pen, who hath a feeling this day or two of his old pain. Then to walk in the garden with my wife, and so to my office a while, and then home to the only Lenten supper I have had of wiggs and ale. And so to bed. This morning betimes came to my office to me Boatswain Smith of Woolwich, telling me a notable piece of knavery of the officers of that yard and Mr. Gold, in behalf of a contract made for some old ropes by Mr. Wood. And I believe I shall find Sir W. Batten of the plot.

9. The last night, whether it was from cold I got today upon the water I know not - or whether it was from my mind being over-

1. Probably his 'Navy White Book', now in the Pepys Library.