

way, and in the general fishing trade of England. Here I stayed three hours and eat a barrel of very fine oysters of Wolfes giving me; and so it raining hard – home and to my office, and then home to bed.

30. *Lords day.* Up; and this morning put on my new fine coloured cloth suit, with my cloak lined with plush – which is a dear and noble suit, costing me about 17*l.* To church and then home to dinner; and after dinner, to a little musique with my boy, and so to church with my wife; and so home and with her all the evening, reading and at musique with my boy with great pleasure; and so to supper, prayers, and to bed.

NOVEMBER

1. Up and to the office, where busy all the morning. At noon (my wife being invited to my Lady Sandwiches) all alone dined at home upon a good goose with Mr. Wayth – discoursing of business. Thence I to the committee of the Fishery and there we sat, with several good discourses and some bad and simple ones and with great disorder, and yet by the men of business of the town. But my report in the business of the collections¹ is mightily commended and will get me some reputation; and endeed is the only thing looks like a thing well done since we sat. Thence with Mr. Parham to the tavern, but I drank no wine; only, he did give me another barrel of oysters. And he brought one Maj. Greene, an able fishmonger, and good discourse to my information. So home and late at business at my office. Then to supper and to bed.

2. Up betimes, and down with Mr. Castle to Redriffe, and there walked to Deptford to view a parcel of brave Knees of his, which endeed are very good. And so back again – home – I seeming very friendly to him, though I know him to be a rogue and one that hates me with his heart. Home and to dinner, and so to my office all the afternoon, where in some pain in my backe, which troubled me; but I think it comes only with stooping and from no other matter.

3. Up, and to the office – where strange to see how Sir W. Penn is

1. See above, p. 435 (25 October).