

7. Up betimes, and did do several things towards the settling all matters, both of house and office, in order for my journey this day; and did leave my chief care, and the key of my closet, with Mr. Hater, with direction what papers to secure in case of fire or other accident; and so about 9 a-clock, I and my wife and Willett set out in a coach I have hired, with four horses, and W. Hewer and Murford rode by us on horseback; and so, my wife and she in their morning gowns, very handsome and pretty and to my great liking, we set out; and so out at Allgate and so to the Greenman and so on to Enfield, in our way seeing Mr. Louther and his lady in a coach going to Walthamstow, and he told us that he would overtake us at night, he being to go that way. So we to Enfield and there bayted, it being but a foul, bad day; and there Louther and Mr. Burford, an acquaintance of his, did overtake us, and there drank and eat together; and by and by we parted, we going before them; and very merry, my wife and girl and [I], talking and telling tales and singing; and before night did come to Bishop stafford, where Louther and his friend did meet us again and carried us to the Raynedeere, where Mrs. Aynsworth (who lived heretofore at Cambrige and whom I knew better then they think for, doth live – it was the woman that, among other things, was great with my Cosen Barmston of Cottenham, and did use to sing to him and did teach me *Full forty times over*, a very lewd song) doth live, a woman they are well acquainted with, and is here what she was at Cambrige, and all the goodfellows of the country come hither. Louther and his friend stayed and drank and then went further this night, but here we stayed and supped and lodged. But as soon as they were gone and my supper getting ready, I fell to write my letter to my Lord Sandwich, which I could not finish before my coming from London; so did finish it to my good content, and a good letter, telling him the present state of all matters; and did get a man to promise to carry it tomorrow morning to be there at my house by noon, and I paid him well for it. So that being done and my mind at ease, we to supper and so to bed, my wife and I in one bed and the girl in another in the same room. And lay very well, but there was so much tearing company in the house, that we could not see my landlady, so I had no opportunity of renewing my old acquaintance with her. But here we slept very well.

8. Up pretty betimes, though not so soon as we entended, by reason of Murford's not rising and then not knowing how to open