

hanging in them, which pleased the ladies very well.

Thus ends the month. My mayde Jane newly gone, and Pall left now to do all the work till another mayde comes; which shall not be till she goes away into the country with my mother. Myself and wife in good health. My Lord Sandwich in the Straits and newly recovered of a great sickness at Alicante. My father gone to settle at Brampton. And myself under much business and trouble for to settle things in the estate to our content. But which is worst, I find myself lately too much given to seeing of plays and expense and pleasure, which makes me forget my business, which I must labour to amend. No money comes in, so that I have been forced to borrow a great deal of money for my own expenses and to furnish my father, to leave things in order. I have some trouble about my Brother Tom, who is now left to keep my father's trade, in which I have great fears that he will miscarry – for want of brains and care.

at Court things are in very ill condition, there being so much æmulacion, poverty, and the vices of swearing, drinking, and whoring, that I know not what will be the end of it but confusion. And the Clergy so high, that all people that I meet with, all do protest against their practice. In short, I see no content or satisfaccion anywhere in any one sort of people. The season very sickly everywhere of strange and fatall feavers.

## —\*SEPTEMBER\*—

5. To the Privy Seale this morning about business – in my way taking leave of my mother, who goes to Brampton today. But doing my business at the Privy Seale pretty soon, I took boat and went to my uncle Fenners; and there I find my mother and my wife and Pall (of whom I had this morning at my own house taken leave, and given her 20s. and good counsel how to carry herself to my father and mother); and so I took them, it being late, to Beards, where they were stayed for; and so I put them into the Waggon and saw them going presently – Pall crying exceedingly. My wife and I to the fair, and I showed her the Italian dancing the ropes and the women that do strange tumbling tricks. And so by foot home.

8. *Lords day.* To church, it being a very wet night last night and today. Dined at home. And so to church again with my wife in the