

and upon the whole, he doth make it plainly appear that there is no avoiding to give these Commissioners satisfaction in everything they will ask; and that there is fear lest they may find reason to make us refund for all the extraordinary profit made by those bargains; and doth make me resolve rather to declare plainly and once for all the truth of the whole and what my profit hath been, then be forced at last to do it and in the meantime live in pain – as I must always do. And with this resolution on my part, I departed with some more satisfaction of mind, though with less hopes of profit then I expected. This morning, my wife in bed told me the story of our Tom and Jane; how the rogue did first demand her consent to love and marry him and then, with pretence of displeasing me, did slight her; but both he and she have confessed the matter to her, and she hath charged him to go on with his love to her and be true to her, and so I think the business will go on; which, for my love to her because she is in love with him, I am pleased with, but otherwise I think she will have no good bargain of it; at least, if I should not do well in my place. But if I do stand, I do intend to give her 50*l* in money and do them all the good I can in my way.

12. Up and to my office, where all the morning drawing up my Narrative of my proceedings and concernments in the buying of Prize goods, which I am to present to the Committee for Accounts. At noon home to dinner, where Mr. Jackson dined with me; and after dinner I (calling at the Excise Office, and setting my wife and Deb at her tailor's) did with Mr. Jackson go to find my Cosen Rog. Pepys, which I did in the Parliament-house, where I met him and Sir Tho. Crew and Mr. George Mountagu, who are mighty busy how to save my Lord's name from being in the report for anything which the Committee is commanded to report to the House of the Miscarriages of the late war. I find they drive furiously still in the business of Tickets, which is nonsense in itself and cannot come to anything. Thence with Cosen Rogr. to his lodgings and there sealed the writings with Jackson about my sister's marriage.

14. *Valentine's day*. Up, being called up by Mercer, who came to be my Valentine; and so I rose, and my wife, and were merry a little, I staying to talk; and did give her a Guinny in gold for her Valentine's gift. There comes also my Cosen Rogr. Pepys betimes, and comes to my wife for her to be his Valentine, whose Valentine I was also, by agreement to be so to her every year; and this year I