

nothing, that yielded so much heretofore?" And this was all we could get, and went away without other answer. Which is one of the saddest things, that at such a time as this, with the greatest action on foot that ever was in England, nothing should be minded, but let things go on of themselves – do as well as they can. So home, vexed. And going to my Lady Battens, there found a great many women with her in her chamber, merry – my Lady Pen and her daughter, among others; where my Lady Pen flung me down upon the bed, and herself and others, one after another, upon me, and very merry we were; and thence I home and called my wife with my Lady Pen to supper, and very merry as I could be, being vexed as I was. So home to bed.

13. Lay long in bed, troubled a little with wind, but not much. So to the office and there all the morning. At noon to Sheriffe Watermans to dinner, all of us men of the office in town – and our wives, my Lady Carteret and daughters, and Lady Batten, Pen, and my wife, &c.; and very good cheer we had and merry. Musique at and after dinner, and a fellow danced a jig; but when the company begin to dance, I came away, lest I should be taken out; and God knows how my wife carried herself, but I left her to try her fortune. So home, and late at the office; then home to supper and to bed.

16. *Lords day.* Lay long in bed. Then up and to my chamber and my office, looking over some plats, which I find necessary for me to understand pretty well, because of the Duch warr. Then home to dinner, where Creed dined with us. And so after dinner he and I walked to the Rolls chapel, expecting to hear the great Stillingfleete preach; but he did not, but a very sorry fellow, which vexed me. The sermon done, we parted, and I home – where I find Mr. Andrews; and by and by comes Capt. Taylor, my old acquaintance at Westminster that understands Musique very well and composes mighty bravely; he brought us some things of two parts to sing, very hard. But that that is the worst, he is very conceited of them; and that, though they are good, makes them troublesome to one, to see him every note commend and admire them. He supped with me, and a good understanding man he is and a good Scholler – and among other things, a great Antiquary. And among other things, he can, as he says, show the very Originall Charter to Worcester of King Edgars, wherein he styles himself *Rex Marium Britanniae* &c.; which is the great text that Mr. Selden and others do quote, but