

my inquiries. Thence to the Dock, where we walked in Mr. Sheldens garden, eating more fruit and drinking and eating figs, which were very good, and talking, while the *Royall James* was bringing towards the docke; and then we went out and saw the manner and trouble of dockeing such a ship; which yet they could not do, but only brought her head into the docke and so shored her up till next tide. But, good God, what a deal of company was there from both yards to help to do it, when half the company would have done it as well; but I see it is impossible for the King to have things done as cheap as other men.

25. At my office all the morning, reading Mr. Holland's discourse of the Navy, lent me by Mr. Turner; and am much pleased with them, they hitting the very diseases of the Navy which we are troubled with nowadays. I shall bestow writing of them over and much reading thereof. This morning Sir W. Batten came in to the office and desired to speak with me. He begun with telling me that he observed a strangeness between him and me of late, and would know the reason of it – telling me that he heard I was offended with merchants coming to his house and making contracts there. I did tell him that as a friend I have spoke of it to Sir W. Pen and desired him to take a time to tell him of it, and not as a backbiter; with which he was satisfied. at last, he desired the difference between our wifes might not make a difference between us; which I was exceeding glad to hear, and do see every day the fruits of looking after my business, which I pray God continue me in – for I do begin to be very happy.

27. *Lords day.* At church, alone in the pew, in the morning. In the afternoon, by water I carried my wife to Westminster; where she went to take leave of her father and I to walk in the parke, which is now every day more and more pleasant, by the new works upon it. Here meeting with Laud Crispe, I took him to the further end and sot under a tree in the corner and there sung some songs; he singing well, but no skill and so would sing false sometimes.

28. Up early; and by 6 a-clock after my wife was ready, I walked with her to the George and at Holborne conduit, where the Coach stood to carry her and her maid to Bugden; but that not being ready, my brother Tom stayed with them to see them gone; and so I took a troubled, though willing, godbwyl, because of the bad