

take her, the first time in my life, *sobra mi genu* and did *poner mi mano sub her jupes* and *toca su thigh*, which did *hazer me great pleasure*; and so did no more, but *besando-la* went to my bed.

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I. Up and to dress myself; and called, as I use, Deb to brush me and dress me and there I did again as I did the last night *con mi mano*, but would have *tocado su thing*; but *ella* endeavoured to prevent me *con much modesty* by putting *su hand* there about, which I was well pleased with and would not do too much, and so *con great kindness* dismissed *la*; and I to my office, where busy till noon, and then out to bespeak some things against my wife's going into the country tomorrow. And so home to dinner, my wife and I alone, she being mighty busy getting her things ready for her journey. I all the afternoon with her looking after things on the same account, and then in the afternoon out and all alone to the King's House; and there sat in an upper box to hide myself and saw *The Blacke prince*, a very good play, but only the fancy; most of it the same as in the rest of my Lord Orery's plays—but the dance very stately. But it was pretty to see, how coming after dinner and no company with me to talk to, and at a play that I had seen and went to now not for curiosity but only idleness, I did fall asleep the former part of the play but afterward did mind it and like it very well. Thence called at my bookseller's and took Mr. Boyles book of *Formes*, newly imprinted, and sent my brother my old one. So home, and there to my chamber, till anon comes Mr. Turner and his wife and daughter and Pelling to sup with us and talk of my wife's journey tomorrow, her daughter going with my wife; and after supper to talk with her husband about the office and his place, which by Sir J. Mennes's age and inability is very uncomfortable to him, as well as without profit or certainty what he shall do when Sir J. Mennes [dies]; which is a sad condition for a man that hath lived so long in the office as Mr. Turner hath done; but he aymes, and I advise him to it, to look for Mr. Ackworth's place in case he should be removed. His wife afterward did take me into my closet and give me a cellar of waters of her own distilling for my father, to be carried down with my wife and her daughter tomorrow; which was very handsome. So broke up and to bed.