

about 5 a-clock in the afternoon, one came with a ladder to the great Exchange and wiped with a brush the Inscription that was upon King Charles, and that there was a great bonfire made in the Exchange and people cried out “God bless King Charles the Second!” From the Hall I went home to bed, very sad in mind to part with my wife tomorrow, but God’s will be done.

17. This morning bade Adieu in bed to the company of my wife. We rose and I gave my wife some money to serve her for a time, and what papers of consequence I had. Then I left her to get her ready and went to my Lord’s with my boy Eliezer to my Lord’s lodging at Mr. Crews. Here I had much business with my Lord; and papers, great store, given me by my Lord to dispose of as of the rest. After that, with Mr. Moore home to my house and took my wife by coach to the Chequer in Holborne; where after we had drunk &c., she took coach and so farewell. Thence with Mr. Hawly to dinner at Mr. Crews. After dinner, to my own house, where all things were put up into the dining-room and locked up, and my wife took the key along with her. This day, in the presence of Mr. Moore (who made it) and Mr. Hawly, I did (before I went out with my wife) seal my will to her, whereby I did give her all that I have in the world but my books, which I gave to my Brother John, excepting only French books, which my wife is to have. In the evening at the Admiralty: met my Lord there and got a Comission for Williamson to be Captain of the *Harpe* frigate.

18. This day was very rainy all day. I rose early and went to the Barber’s (Jervas) in the Palace yard and was trimmed* by him; and afterward drank with him a cup or two of ale, and did begin to hire his man to go with me to sea. Then to my Lord’s lodging, where I found Capt. Williamson and gave him his commission to be Captain of the *Harpe* and he gave me a piece of gold and 20s. in silver. So to my own house, where I stayed a while and then to dinner with Mr. Sheply at my Lord’s lodgings. After that to Mr. Messum’s, where he made a very gallant sermon upon “Pray for the life of the King, and the King’s son” (*Esra* 6. 10).

19. Early to my Lord, where infinite of business to do, which makes my head full; and indeed, for these two or three days I have not been without a great many cares and thoughts concerning them. After that to the Admiralty, where a good while with Mr.