

appear half so useful as I used to do. Home at noon to dinner, and then to my office again, where I could not hold my eyes open for an hour, but I drowsed (so little sensible I apprehend my soul is of my necessity of minding business). But I anon wakened and minded my business, and did a very great deal with very great pleasure; and so home at night to supper and to bed – mightily pleased with myself for the business that I have done, and convinced that if I would but keep constantly to do the same, I might have leisure enough and yet do all my business; and by the grace of God, so I will. So to bed.

19. Up, and to the office all the morning. At noon took Mr. Deane (lately come to town) home with me to dinner; and there, after giving him some reprimandes and good advice about his deportment in the place where by my interest he is at Harwich, and then declaring my resolution of being his friend still – we did then fall to discourse about his ship *Rupert*, built by him there; which succeeds so well, as he hath got great honour by it, and I some by recommending him – the King, Duke, and everybody saying it is the best ship that was ever built. And then he fell to explain to me his manner of casting the draught of water which a ship will draw beforehand – which is a secret the King and all admire in him; and he is the first that hath come to any certainty beforehand of foretelling the draught of water of a ship before she be launched.

23. Up by 5 a-clock, and to my chamber, setting several matters in order. So out toward Whitehall, calling in my way on my Lord Bellaces – where I came to his bedside and did give me a full and long account of his matters how he left them at Tanger. Declares himself fully satisfied with my care. Seems cunningly to argue for encreasing the number of men there. Told me the whole story of his gains by the Turky prizes, which he owns he hath got about 5000*l* by. Promised me the same profits Povy was to have had. And in fine, I find him a pretty subtle man; and so I left him and to Whitehall before the Duke and did our usual business, and eased my mind of two or three things of weight that lay upon me about Lanyon's salary, which I have got to be 150*l* per annum. Thence to Westminster to look after getting some little for some great tallies, but shall find trouble in it. Thence homeward, and met with Sir Ph. Warwicke and spoke about this, in which he is scrupulous. After that, to talk of the wants of the Navy; he lays all the fault now upon