

time that ever I went by water on the Lord's day. Home, and at night had a chapter read; and I read prayers out of the Common Prayer book, the first time that ever I read prayers in this house. So to bed.

23. After dinner to my Lord, who took me to Secretary Nicholas; and there, before him and Secretary Morris, my Lord and I, upon our knees, together took our oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the oath of the Privy Seale – of which I was much glad, though I am not likely to get anything by it at present; but I do desire it, for fear of a turn-out of our office. That done and my Lord gone from me, I went with Mr. Cooling and his Brother and Sam Hartlibb, little Jenings and some others to the King's head tavern at Charing cross; where after drinking, I took boat and so home. Where we supped merrily among ourselves (our little boy proving a droll); and so after prayers, to bed.

25. This morning my Lord took leave of the House of Commons – and had the thanks of the House for his great services to his country. In the afternoon (but this is a mistake, for it was yesterday in the afternoon) Monsieur Limpertinent and I met, and I took him to the Sun and drank with him; and in the evening going away, we met his mother and sisters and father coming downstairs from the Gatehouse, where they lodge. Where I did the first time salute them all; and very pretty Madam Frances is indeed. Home and to bed.

26. Early to Whitehall, thinking to have a meeting of my Lord and the Principal Officers; but my Lord could not, it being the day that he was to go and be admitted in the House of Lords, his patent being done, which he presented upon his knee to the Speaker; and so it was read in the House and he took his place. I at the Privy Seal Office with Mr. Hooker, who brought me acquainted with Mr. Crofts of the Signet, and I invited them to a dish of meat at the Leg in King street; and so we dined there and I paid for all and had very good light given me as to my imployment there. In the evening met with T. Doling, who carried me to St. James's fair; and there meeting with W. Symons and his wife and Luellin and D. Scobells wife and cousin, we went to Woods at the Pell-mell (our old house for clubbing) and there we spent till 10 at night. At which time I sent to my Lord's for my clerk Will to come to me, and so by link home to bed. Where I find Comissioner Willoughby had sent for all his