

which methought was very strange for her to do. So home, where I was told how my lady Davis<sup>1</sup> was now come to our next lodgings and hath locked up the leads doore from me, which put me into so great a disquiet that I went to bed and could not sleep till morning at it.

30. Within all the morning and dined at home, my mind being so troubled that I could not mind nor do anything till I speak with the Comptroller to whom the lodgings belong. In the afternoon, to ease my mind, I went to the Cockpitt all alone and there saw a very fine play called *The Tamer tamed*, very well acted.

31. *office day*. Much troubled all this morning in my mind about the business of my walk in the leades. I speak of it to the Comptroller and the rest of the principall officers, who are all unwilling to meddle in anything that may anger my Lady Davis; and so I am fain to give over for the time that she doth continue therein. Dined at home, and there I have news that Sir W. Pen is resolved to ride to Sir W. Batten's country house tomorrow and would have me to go with him. So I sat up late, getting together my things to ride in, and was fain to cut a pair of old bootes to make leathers for those that I was to wear. To bed.

This month I conclude with my mind very heavy for the loss of the leades – as also for the greatnesse of my late expenses. Insomuch that I do not think that I have above 150*l* clear money in the world. But I have, I bless God, a great deal of good Household stuffe. I hear today that the Queen is landed at Dover and will be here on Friday next the 2 of November. My wife hath been so ill of late of her old pain that I have not known her this fortnight almost, which is a pain to me.

## ❖ NOVEMBER ❖

1. This morning Sir W. Pen and I were mounted earely. And have very merry discourse all the way, he being very good company. We came to Sir Wm. Battens, where he lives like a prince, and we were made very welcome. Among other things, he showed us my Lady's

1. Wife of John Davis, Navy Office clerk: 'my lady' is ironical.