

the jades with great pleasure – and we sang finely, and stayed till about 8 at night, the night coming on apace; and so set them down at Pierce's, and so away home – where a while with Sir W. Warren about business, and then to bed.

13. Up, being called up by my wife's brother, for whom I have got a commission from the Duke of Yorke for muster-master of one of the Divisions of which Harman is Rereadmirall, of which I am glad as well as he. After I had acquainted him with it and discoursed a little of it, I went forth and took him with me by coach to the Duke of Albemarle; who being not up, I took a walk with Balty into the park, and to the Queen's chapel, it being Goodfriday; where people were all upon their knees, very silent – but it seems no Masse this day. So back, and waited on the Duke and received some commands of his; and so by coach to Mr. Hales's – where it is pretty strange to see that his second doing, I mean the second time of her sitting, is less like Mrs. Pierce then the first – and yet I am confident will be most like her, for he is so curious that I do not see how it is possible for him to mistake. Here, he and I presently resolved of going to Whitehall, to spend an hour in the galleries there among the pictures; and we did so to my extraordinary satisfaction, he showing me the difference in the painting; and when I come more and more to distinguish and observe the workmanship, I do not find so many good things as I thought there was – but yet great difference between the works of some and others – and while my head and judgment was full of these, I would go back again to his house to see his pictures. And endeed, though I think at first sight some difference doth open, yet very inconsiderably; but that I may judge his to be very good pictures. Here we fell into discourse of my picture, and I am for his putting out the Lanskipp, though he says it is very well done; yet I do judge it will be best without it, and so it shall be put out – and be made a plain sky, like my wife[s] picture, which will be very noble.

15. *Easter day.* Up, and by water to Westminster to the Swan to lay down my cloak, and there found Sarah alone; with whom after I had stayed awhile, I to Whitehall chapel; and there coming late, could hear nothing of the Bishop of London's sermon; so walked into the park to the Queen's chapel and there heard a good deal of their mass and some of their Musique, which is not so contemptible, I think, as our people would make it, it pleasing me very well –