

good manner too, as I have heard anybody; and the church very full – which is a surprizing consideration. But I did not see her. So home, and had a good dinner; and after dinner, with my wife and Mercer and Jane by water all the afternoon up as high as Moreclacke, with great pleasure, and a fine day – reading over the second part of *The Siege of Rhodes* with great delight. We landed and walked at Barne elmes; and then at the neat houses I landed and bought a Millon (and we did also land and eat and drink at Wandsworth); and so to the Old Swan, and there walked home – it being a mighty fine evening, cool evening; and there being come, my wife and I spent an hour in the garden, talking of our living in the country when I shall be turned out of the office, as I fear the Parliament may find faults enough with the office to remove us all. And I am joyed to think in how good a condition I am to retire thither, and have wherewith very well to subsist. Thence home and to bed.

6. Up and to the office a while. And then by water to my Lady Mountagu's at Westminster and there visited my Lord Hinchingbrooke, newly come from Hinchingbrooke; and find him a mighty sober gentleman – to my great content. Thence to Sir Ph. Warwicks and my Lord Treasurer's, but failed in my business. So home, and in Fanchurch street met with Mr. Battersby; says he, "Do you see Dan Rawlinson's door shut up?" (which I did, and wondered); "Why," says he, "after all the sickness, and himself spending all the last year in the country – one of his men is now dead of the plague, and his wife and one of his maids sick, and himself shut up;" which troubles me mightily. So home, and there do hear also from Mrs. Sarah Daniel that Greenwich is at this time much worse then ever it was, and Deptford too; and she told us that they believed all the town would leave the town and come to London; which is now the receptacle of all the people from all infected places. God preserve us. So by and by to dinner; and after dinner in comes Mrs. Knepp; and I being at the office, went home to her, and there I sat and talked with her, it being the first time of her being here since her being brought to bed. I very pleasant with her, but perceive my wife hath no great pleasure in her being here, she not being pleased with my kindness here to her. However, we talked and sang, and were very pleasant. By and by comes Mr. Pierce and his wife, the first time she also hath been here since her lying-in (both having been brought to bed of boys, and both of them dead). And here we