

12 at night, with mighty great content in all my company; and I did, as I love to do, enjoy myself in my pleasure, as being the heighth of what we take pains for and can hope for in this world – and therefore to be enjoyed while we are young and capable of these joys. My wife extraordinary fine today in her Flower tabby suit, bought a year and more ago, before my mother's death put her into mourning, and so not worn till this day – and everybody in love with it; and ended, she is very fine and handsome in it. I having paid the reckoning, which came to almost 4*l*, we parted: my company and Wm. Batelier, who was also with us, home in a coach round by the Wall, where we met so many stops by the Waches that it cost us much time and some trouble, and more money to every watch to them to drink – this being encreased by the trouble the prentices did lately give the City, so that the militia and watches are very strict at this time; and we had like to have met with a stop for all night at the Constables watch at Mooregate, by a pragmatrical Constable. But we came well home at about 2 in the morning, and so to bed.

27. Up and walked to the waterside, and thence to Whitehall to the Duke of York's chamber; where he being ready, he went to a Committee of Tanger, where I first understand that my Lord Sandwich is in his coming back from Spayne, to step over thither to see in what condition the place is – which I am glad of, hoping that he will be able to do some good there for the good of the place – which is so much out of order. Thence to walk a little in Westminster hall, where the Parliament I find sitting, but spoke with nobody to let me know what they are doing, nor did I enquire. Thence to the Swan and drank, and did besar Frank; and so down by water back again and to the Exchange a turn or two, only to show myself; and then home to dinner, where my wife and I had a small squabble; but I first this day tried the effect of my silence and not provoking her when she is in an ill humour, and do find it very good, for it prevents its coming to that heighth on both sides, which used to exceed what was fit between us. So she became calm by and by, and fond; and so took coach, and she to the mercer's to buy some lace, while I to Whitehall but did nothing; but then to Westminster hall and took a turn, and so to Mrs. Martins and there did sit a little and talk and drink and did hazer con her; and so took coach and called my wife at Unthankes, and so up and down to the Nursery, where they did not act; then to the New Cockepitt and