sending forces to Tanger.[1] And the fleet to my Lord of Sandwich, who is now at Lisbone to bring over the Queene – who doth now keep a Court as Queen of England. The want of money puts all things, and above all things the Navy, out of order; and yet I do not see that the King takes care to bring in any money, but thinks of new designs to lay out money.

OCTOBER

1.   This morning my wife and I lay long in bed; and among other things, fell in talk of Musique and desired that I would let her learn to sing – which I did consider and promised her she should: so before I rose, word was brought me that my singing master Mr. GoodGroome was come to teach me; and so she rise and this morning begun to learn also. To the office, where busy all day. So to dinner and then to the office again till night; and then to my study at home to set matters and papers in order – which, though I can hardly bring myself to do, yet doth please me much when it is done. So eat a bit of bread and cheese and to bed.

5.   At the office all the morning; then dined at home, and so stayed at home all the afternoon, putting up my Lord's Modell of the *Royall James*, which I borrowed of him long ago to hang up in my room. And at night Sir W. Pen and I alone to the Dolphin and there eat some bloat-herrings and drank good sack. Then came in Sir W. Warren and another and stayed a while with us; and then Sir Arnld. Brames, with whom we stayed late and till we had drank too much wine; so home and I to bed, pleased at my afternoon's work in hanging up the Shipp. So to bed.

6.   *Lords day*. The winter coming on, many of parish ladies are come home and appear at church again; among others, the three sisters of the Thornburys, very fine, and the most zealous people that ever I saw in my life; even to admiration*, if it were true zeal. There was also my pretty black girl, Mrs. Dekins. And Mrs. Margaret Pen this day came to church in a new flowered satin suit that my wife helped to buy her the other day.

1. Acquired as part of Catherine of Braganza's dowry.