

about the meaning of this day and the other good uses of it; and how heretofore, and yet in several places, they do whip a boy at every place they stop at in their procession. Thence I to the Duke of York's playhouse and there saw *The Tempest*, which still pleases me mightily. And thence to the New Exchange, and then home; and in the way stopped to talk with Mr. Brisband, who gives me an account of the rough usage Sir G. Carteret and his counsel had the other day before the Commissioners of Accounts, and what I do believe we shall all of us have, in a greater degree then any we have had yet with them, before their three years are out; which are not yet begun, nor God knows when they will, this being like to be no session of Parliament when they now rise. So home, and there took up Mrs. Turner and carried her to Mile end and drank; and so back, talking, and so home and to bed, I being mighty cold, this being a mighty cold day, and I had left off my waistcoat three or four days. This evening, coming home in the dark, I saw and spoke to our Nell, Pain's daughter, and had I not been very cold, I should have taken her to Tower-hill para talk together et tocar her.

Thus ends this month: my wife in the country. Myself full of pleasure and expense; and some trouble for my friends, my Lord Sandwich by the Parliament, and more for my eyes, which are daily worse and worse, that I dare not write or read almost anything. The Parliament going in a few days to rise. Myself, so long without accounting now, for seven or eight months I think or more, that I know not what condition almost I am in as to getting or spending for all that time – which troubles me, but I will soon do it. The kingdom in an ill state through poverty. A fleet going out, and no money to maintain it or set it out. Seamen yet unpaid, and mutinous when pressed to go out again. Our office able to do little, nobody trusting us nor we desiring any to trust us, and yet have not money to [do] anything but only what perticularly belongs to this fleet going out, and that but lamely too. The Parliament several months upon an act for 300000*l*, but cannot or will not agree upon it – but do keep it back, in spite of the King's desires to hasten it, till they can obtain what they have a mind, in revenge upon some men for the late ill managements; and he is forced to submit to what they please, knowing that without it he shall have no money; and they as well, that if they give the money, the King will suffer them to do little more. And then the business of religion doth disquiet everybody, the Parliament being vehement against the nonconformists, while the King seems to be willing to countenance them: