

Pierce, who drew my wife, did draw also a motto, and this girl drew another for me. What mine was I have forgot; but my wife's was (*Most virtuous and most fair*); which, as it may be used, or an Anagram made upon each name, might be very pretty. Thence with Cocke and my wife; set him at home, and then we home. To the office and there did a little business, troubled that I have so much been hindered by matters of pleasure from my business; but I shall recover it I hope in a little time. So home and to supper, not at all smitten with the music tonight, which I did expect should have been so extraordinary, Tom Killigrew crying it up, and so all the world, above all things in the world; and so to bed.

17. *Lords day.* Up, and called at Michell's and took him and his wife and carried them to Westminster, I landing at Whitehall and having no pleasure in the way con ella; and so to the Duke's, where we all met and had a hot encounter before the Duke of York about the business of our payments at the Ticket Office; where we urged that we had nothing to do to be troubled with the pay, having examined the tickets. Besides, we are neglected, having not money sent us in time. But to see the baseness of my brethren, not a man almost put in a word but Sir W. Coventry, though at the office like very devils in this point. But I did plainly declare that without money no fleet could be expected, and desired the Duke of York to take notice of [it] and notice was taken of it – but I doubt will do no good. But I desire to remember it as a most prodigious thing that to this day my Lord Treasurer hath not consulted counsel (which Sir W. Coventry and I and others do think is necessary) about the late Pole act, enough to put the same into such order as that anybody dare lend money upon it, though we have from this office under our hands related the necessity thereof to the Duke of York. Nor was like to be determined in, for aught I see, a good while, had not Sir W. Coventry plainly said that he did believe it would be a better work for the King then going to church this morning, to send for the Attorney Generall to meet at the Lord Treasurer's this afternoon and to bring the thing to an issue, saying that himself, were he going to the Sacrament, would not think he should offend God to leave it and go to the ending this work, so much it is of moment to the King and Kingdom. Hereupon the Duke of York said he would presently speak to the King, and cause it to be done this afternoon. Having done here, we broke up, having done nothing almost though, for all this; and by and by I met Sir G. Carteret, and he is