

little done), I to the Change; and thence Bagwell's wife with much ado fallowed me through Moorfields to a blind alehouse, and there I did caress her and eat and drank, and many hard looks and sithes the poor wretch did give me, and I think verily was troubled at what I did; but at last, after many protestings, by degrees I did arrive at what I would, with great pleasure. Then in the evening, it raining, walked to the town to where she knew where she was; and then I took coach and to Whitehall to a Committee of Tanger, where, and everywhere else I thank God, I find myself growing in repute; and so home and late, very late, at business, nobody minding it but myself; and so home to bed – weary and full of thoughts. Businesses grow high between the Dutch and us on every side.

16. My wife not being well, waked in the night; and strange to see how dead sleep our people sleeps, that she was fain to ring an hour before anybody would wake. At last one rose and helped my wife; and so to sleep again. Up, and to my business; and then to Whitehall, there to attend the Lords Commissioners; and so directly home and dined with Sir W. Batten and my Lady, and after dinner had much discourse tending to profit with Sir W. Batten, how to get ourselves into the prize office, or some other fair way of obliging the King to consider us in our extraordinary pains. Then to the office, and there all the afternoon very busy, and so till past 12 at night; and so home to bed. This day my wife went to the burial of a little boy of W. Joyces.

17. Up, and to my office and there all the morning mighty busy, and taking upon me to tell the Comtroller how ill his matters were done. And I think, endeed, if I continue thus, all the business of the office will come upon me, whether I will or no.

18. This day I had a letter from Mr. Coventry that tells me that my Lord Brunkard is to be one of our Comissioners, of which I am very glad, if any more must be.

21. Up; and to the Lords at Whitehall, where they do single me out to speak to and to hear – much to my content. And received their commands perticularly in several businesses. Thence by their order to the Atturny Generall's about a new warrant for Capt. Taylor, which I shall carry for him to be Comissioner, in spite of Sir W. Batten; and yet endeed, it is not I, but the ability of the man,