

come to make Christmas gamballs tonight. I waked in the morning about 6 a-clock, and my wife not come to bed. I lacked a pot but there was none, and bitter cold, so was forced to rise and piss in the chimney, and to bed again. Slept a little longer, and then hear my people coming up and so I rose; and my wife to bed at 8 a-clock in the morning, which vexed me a little, but I believe there was no hurt in it all, but only mirth – therefore took no notice. I abroad with Sir W. Batten to the Council Chamber, where all of us to discourse about the way of measuring ships and the freight fit to give for them by the Tun – where it was strange methought, to hear so poor discourses among the Lords themselves: and most of all, to see how a little empty matter, delivered gravely by Sir W. Penn, was taken mighty well, though nothing in the earth to the purpose. But clothes, I perceive more and more every day, is a great matter. Thence home with Sir W. Batten by coach; and I home to dinner, finding my wife still in bed. After dinner, abroad; and among other things, visited my Lady Sandwich and was there with her and the young ladies playing at Cards till night; then home and to my office late; then home to bed – leaving my wife and people up to more sports, but without any great satisfaction to myself therein.

30. Lay very long in bed with wife, it being very cold and my wife very full of a resolution to keep within doors, not so much as to go to church or see my Lady Sandwich before Easter next – which I am willing enough to, though I seem the contrary. This and other talk kept me a-bed till almost 10 a-clock. Then up and made an end of looking over all my papers and books and taking everything out of my chamber to have all made clean. At noon dined; and after dinner, forth to several places to pay away money to clear myself in all the world; and among other, paid my bookseller 6*l* for books I had from him this day, and the silversmiths 22*l* 18*s.* 00*d.* for spoons, forks, and sugar box. And being well pleased with seeing my business done to my mind, as to my meeting with people and having my books ready for me – I home and to my office and there did business late; and then home to supper, prayers, and to bed.

31. At the office all the morning, and after dinner there again; despatched first my letters, and then to my accounts, not of the month but of the whole year also, and was at it till past 12 at night – it being bitter cold; but yet I was well satisfied with my work and, above all, to find myself, by the great blessing of God, worth 1349*l*