

guirle¹ is come to act very prettily and spoke the epilogue most admirably. But at the beginning, at the drawing up of the Curtaine, there was the finest Scene of the Emperor and his people about him, standing in their fixed and different postures in their Roman habits, above all that ever I yet saw at any of the Theatres. Walked home, calling to see my brother Tom, who is in bed and I doubt very ill – of a consumption. To my office a while; and so home to supper and to bed.

9. Up pretty betimes to my office, where all day long, but a little at home at dinner, at my office finishing all things about Mr. Wood's contract for Masts; wherein I am sure I shall save the King 400l before I have done. At night home to supper and to bed.

10. Up and to the office, where all the morning doing business. And at noon to the Change and there very busy; and so home to dinner with my wife to a good hog's harslet, a piece of meat I love but have not eat of I think this seven year. And after dinner abroad by coach, set her at Mrs. Hunts and I to Whitehall; and at the Privy Seale office enquired and found the Bill come for the Corporation of the Royall Fishery; whereof the Duke of Yorke is made present Governor and several other very great persons, to the number of 32, made his assistants for their lives: whereof, by my Lord Sandwichs favour, I am one and take it not only as a matter of honour but that that may come to be of profit to me. And so with great content went and called my wife; and so home and to the office, where busy late; and so home to supper and to bed.

12. Lay long, pleasantly entertaining myself with my wife; and then up and to the office – where busy till noon, vexed to see how Sir J. Mennes deserves rather to be pitied for his dotage and folly then employed at a great salary to ruin the King's business. At noon to the Change and thence home to dinner; and then down to Deptford, where busy a while; and then walking home, it fell hard a-raining. So at Halfway house put in; and there meeting Mr. Stacy with some company of pretty women – I took him aside to a room by ourselfs and there talked with him about the several sorts of Tarrs; and so by and by parted and I walked home, and there late at the office; and so home to supper and to bed.

I. ? Ann Gibbs.