

sitting. The reason of Dr. Clerkes not being here was the King's being sick last night and let blood, and so he durst not come away today.

8. To Paul's churchyard about books – and to the binders and directed the doing of my Chaucer, though they were not full neat enough for me, but pretty well it is – and thence to the clasp-makers to have it clasped and bossed. So to the Change and home to dinner, and so to my office till 5 a-clock; and then came Mr. Hill and Andrews and we sung an hour or two. Then broke up and Mr. Alsop and his company came and consulted about our Tanger victualling, and brought it to a good head. So they parted and I to supper and to bed.

9. Up, and at the office all the morning; in the afternoon by coach with Sir J. Mennes to Whitehall and there to a Committee for Fishing; but the first thing was swearing to be true to the Company, and we were all sworn. But a great dispute we had (which methought is very Ominous to the Company); some, that we should swear to be true to the best of our power; and other, to the best of our understanding; and carried in the last (though in that we are the least able to serve the Company) because we would not be obliged to attend the business when we can, but when we list. This consideration did displease me, but it was voted and so went.

10. *Lords day.* Up, and by water towards noon to Somerset house; and walked to my Lord Sandwiches and there dined with my Lady and the children. And after some ordinary discourse with my Lady, after dinner took our leaves and [my] wife hers, in order to her going to the country tomorrow. Here my Lady showed us my Lady Castlemaynes picture, finely done – given my Lord, and a most beautiful picture it is. Thence with my Lady Jem and Mr. Sidney to St. Gyles church, and there heard a long poor sermon. Thence set them down and in their coach to Kate Joyces christening – where much company – good service of sweetmeats. And after an hour's stay left them and in my Lord's coach, his noble rich coach, home; and there my wife fell to putting things in order against her going tomorrow. And I to read and so to bed – where I not well, and so had no pleasure at all this night with my poor wife.

11. But betimes up this morning; and getting ready, we by coach