

19. Up betimes and to my office; and at 9 a-clock (none of the rest going) I went alone to Deptford and there went on to pay Woolwich yard; and so at noon dined well, being chief at the table, and do not see but everybody begins to give me as much respect and honour as any of the rest. After dinner to pay again and so till 9 at night – my great trouble being that I was forced to begin an ill practice of bringing down the wages of servants, for which people did curse me; which I do not love. At night, after I had eaten a cold pullet, I walked by brave Mooneshine, with three or four armed [men] to guard me, to Redriffe – it being a joy to my heart to think of the condition that I am now in, that people should of themselves provide this for me, unspoke to. I hear this walk is dangerous to walk alone by night, and much robbery committed here. So from thence by water home. And so to my lodgings to bed.

21. *Lords day*. Got up betimes and walked [towards] St. James's. The Queene coming by in her coach, going to her chapel at St. James's (the first time it hath been ready for her), I crowded after her; and got up to the room where her closet is and there stood and saw – the fine Alter, ornaments, and the fryers in their habits and the priests come in with their fine Copes. And many other very fine things. I heard their Musique too; which may be good, but it did not appear so to me, neither as to their manner of singing nor was it good Concord to my eares, whatever the matter was. The Queene very devoute. But what pleased me best was to see my dear Lady Castlemayne; who though a protestant, did wait upon the Queene to chapel. By and by, after masse was done, a Fryer with his Coole did rise up and preach a sermon in Portuges; which I not understanding, did go away.

23. Sir G. Carteret told me how in most *Cabarets* in France they have writ upon the walls, in fair letters to be read, *Dieu te regarde*, as a good lesson to be in every man's mind. And have also, as in Holland, their poor's box; in both which places, at the making all contracts and bargains they give so much, which they call God's penny.

27. Up betimes and among my workmen, and with great pleasure see the posts in my entry taken down, beyond expectation; so that now, the boy's room being laid into the entry doth make my coming in very handsome, which was the only fault remaining