

trimmed, very handsome. To church in the morning. And so home, leaving the two Sir Wms to take the Sacrament – which I blame myself that I have hitherto neglected all my life, but once or twice at Cambrige. Dined with my wife, a good shoulder of veal, well dressed by Jane and handsomely served to table – which pleased us much and made us hope that she will serve our turns well enough. My wife and I to church in the afternoon and seated ourselves, she below me; and by that means the precedence of the pew which my Lady Batten and her daughter takes, is confounded. And after sermon she and I did stay behind them in the pew and went out by ourselves a good while after them – which we judge a very fine project hereafter, to avoyd contention. So my wife and I to walk an hour or two on the leads; which begins to be very pleasant, the garden being in good condition. So to supper, which is also well served in. We had a lobster to supper with a crab Pegg Pen sent my wife this afternoon; the reason of which we cannot think, but something there is of plot or design in it – for we have a little while carried ourselves pretty strange to them. After supper, to bed.

✱APRILL✱

1. After dinner I and the two young ladies and my wife to the playhouse, the Opera, and saw *The Mayd in the mill*, a pretty good play. In the middle of the play, my Lady Paulina, who had taken physique this morning, had need to go forth; and so I took the poor lady out and carried her to the Grange, and there sent the mayde of the house into a room to her, and she did what she had a mind to. And so back again to the play. And that being done, in their coach I took them to Islington; and there, after a walk in the fields, I took them to the great Chescake house and entertained them, and so home; and after an hour stay with my Lady, their coach carried us home; and so, weary to bed.

4. By barge, Sir George, Sir Wms both, and I, to Deptford; and there fell to pay off the *Drake* and *Hampshire*. I was much troubled today to see a dead man lie floating upon the waters; and had done (they say) these four days and nobody takes him up to bury him, which is very barbarous.