

20s.) to my Taylors, and there bespoke a plain vest. And so to my goldsmith to bid him look out for some gold for me; and he tells me that Ginnys, which I bought 2000 of not long ago, and cost me but 18½d. change, will now cost me 22d., and but very few to be had at any price. However, some more I will have, for they are very convenient – and of easy disposal. So home to dinner, and to discourse with my brother upon his translation of my Lord Bacon's *Faber Fortunæ* which I gave him to do; and he hath done it but meanly, I am not pleased with it at all – having done it only literally, but without any life at all. About 5 a-clock I took my wife (who is mighty fine, and with a new fair pair of locks, which vex me, though like a fool I helped her the other night to buy them), and to Mrs. Pierce's; and there staying a little, I away before to Whitehall and into the new playhouse there, the first time I ever was there, and the first play I have seen since before the great plague. By and by Mr. Pierce comes, bringing my wife and his, and Knipp. By and by the King and Queen, Duke and Duchesse, and all the great ladies of the Court; which endeed was a fine sight – but the play, being *Love in a Tubb*, a silly play; and though done by the Duke's people, yet having neither Baterton nor his wife – and the whole thing done ill, and being ill also, I had no manner of pleasure in the play. Besides, the House, though very fine, yet bad for the voice – for hearing. The sight of the ladies, endeed, was exceeding noble; and above all my Lady Castlemayne. The play done by 10 a-clock, I carried them all home; and then home myself and, well satisfied with the sight but not the play, we with great content to bed.

30. Up and to the office, where sat all the morning; and at noon home to dinner, and then to the office again, where late, very busy and despatching much business. Mr. Hater staying most of the afternoon abroad, he came to me, poor man, to make excuse; and it was that he had been looking out for a little house for his family, his wife being much frightened in the country with the discourses about the country of troubles and disorders like to be, and therefore durst not be from him; and therefore he is forced to bring her to town, that they may be together. This is now the general apprehension of all people. Particulars I do not know, but my own fears are also great, and I do think it time to look out to save something if a storm should come. At night home to supper and singing with my wife, who hath lately begun to learn, and I think will come to do something, though her ear is not good; nor I, I