

to pity her wherein it is to her hurt, though I know well enough she is a whore.

17. To my office; and by and by to our sitting – where much business. Mr. Coventry took his leave, being to go with the Duke over for the Queene-Mother. I dined at home and so to my Lord's, where I presented him with a true state of all his accounts to last Monday, being the 14 of July – which did please him; and to my great joy, I continue in his great esteem and opinion. I this day took a general acquittance from my Lord to the same day – so that now I have but very few persons to deal withal for money in the world. Home, and find much business to lie upon my hand; and was late at the office, writing letters by candlelight, which is rare at this time of the year. But I do it with much content and joy, and then I do please me to see that I begin to have people direct themselfs to me in all businesses.

18. Up very early and got a-top of my house, seeing the design of my work; and like it very well, and it comes into my head to have my dining-[room] wainscoated, which will be very pretty. By and by, by water to Deptford to put several things in order, being myself now only left in town; and so back again to the office and there doing business all the morning and the afternoon also, till night, and then came Cooper for my Mathematiques; but in good earnest, my head is so full of business that I cannot understand it as otherwise I should do. At night to bed, being much troubled at the rain coming into my house, the top being open.

20. *Lords day.* My wife and I went into the office and there measured a silk flag that I have found there, and hope to get it to myself, for it hath not been demanded since I came to the office. But my wife is not hasty to have it, but rather to stay a while longer and see the event, whether it will be missed or no.

21. To Woolwich to the Ropeway; and there looked over the several sorts of hemp, and did fall upon my great survey of seeing the working and experiments of the strength and the charge in the dressing of every sort; and I do think have brought it to so great a certainty as I have done the King great service in it. And do purpose to get it ready against the Dukes coming to towne, to present to him. I breakfasted at Mr. Falconer's well, and much pleased with