

communicate it to the Commissioners of the Treasury; for he tells me he hath hot work sometimes to contend with the rest for the Navy, they being all concerned for some other part of the King's expense, which they would prefer to this of the Navy. He showed me his closet, with his round table for him to sit in the middle, very convenient. And I borrowed several books of him to collect things out of of the Navy which I have not. And so home and there busy sitting all the morning; and at noon dined, and then all the afternoon busy till night; and then to Mile end with my wife and girl, and there eat and drank a Jole of salmon at the Rose and Crown, our old house; and so home to bed.

5. *Lords day.* About 4 in the morning took four pills of Dr. Turberville's prescribing for my eyes, and they wrought pretty well most of the morning, and I did get my wife to spend the morning reading of Wilkins's *Real Character*. At noon comes W. How and Pelling, and young Michell and his wife, and dined with us. And most of the afternoon talking; and then at night, my wife to read again and to supper and to bed.

8. Betimes by water to Sir W. Coventry and there discoursed of several things; and I find him much concerned in the present enquiries now on foot of the Commissioners of Accounts, though he reckons himself and the rest very safe; but vexed to see us liable to these troubles in things wherein we have laboured to do best. Thence, he being to go out of town tomorrow to drink Banbury waters – I to the Duke of York to attend him about business of the Office; and find him mighty free to me, and how he is concerned to mend things in the Navy himself, and not leave it to other people. So home to dinner; and then with my wife to Coopers and there saw her sit; and he doth do extraordinary things endeed. So to Whitehall; and there by and by the Duke of York comes to the Robe Chamber and spent with us three hours till night, in hearing the business of the Maisters-Attendants of Chatham and the Store-keeper of Woolwich; and resolves to displace them all, so hot he is of giving proofs of his justice at this time – that it is their great fate now, to come to be questioned at such a time as this. Thence I to Unthankes and took my wife and Deb home – and to supper and bed.

13. Up, and to my office; and thence by water to Whitehall to attend the Council, but did not; and so home to dinner; and so out