

way, about 9 at night; and there at the Rose I met my father's horses, with a man staying for me; but it is so late, and the waters so deep, that I durst not go tonight; but after supper to bed and lay very ill by reason of some drunken scholars making a noise all night, and vexed for fear that the horses should not be taken up from grass time enough for the morning.

24. *Lords day.* I up at between 2 and 3 in the morning; and calling up my boy and father's boy, we set out by 3 a-clock, it being high day; and so through the waters with very good success, though very deep almost all the way, and got to Brampton about [blank], where most of them in bed; and so I weary up to my wife's chamber, whom I find in bed and pretended a little not well, and endeed she hath those upon her, but fell to talk and mightily pleased both of us; and up got the rest, Betty Turner and Willet and Jane, all whom I was glad to see, and very merry; and got me ready in my new stuff clothes that I sent down before me; and so my wife and they got ready too, while I to my father, poor man, and walked with him up and down the house, it raining a little – and the waters all over Portholme and the meadows – so as no pleasure abroad. Here I saw my brothers and sister Jackson, she growing fat, and since being married, I think looks comelier then before. But a mighty pert woman she is, and I think proud, he keeping her mighty handsome, and they say mighty fond – and are going shortly to live at Ellington of themselfs, and will keep malting and grazing of cattle. At noon comes Mr. Phillips and dines with us, and a pretty odd-humoured man he seems to be – but good withal, but of mighty great methods in his eating and drinking, and will not kiss a woman since his wife's death. After dinner, my Lady Sandwich sending to see whether I was come, I presently took horse and find her and her family at chapel; and thither I went in to them and sat out the sermon, where I heard Jervas Fullwood, now their chaplain, preach a very good and seraphic kind of sermon, too good for an ordinary congregation. After sermon, I with my Lady and my Lady Hinchingbrooke and Paulina and Lord Hinchingbrooke to the dining-room, saluting none of them, and there sat and talked an hour or two, with great pleasure and satisfaction, to my Lady about my Lord's matters; but I think not with that satisfaction to her or me that otherwise would, she knowing that she did design to borrow, and I remaining all the while in fear of being asked to lend her some money, as I was afterward (when I had