

discover truly the way of milk coming into the breasts of a woman – and he that could invent proper Characters to express to another the mixture of relishes and tastes. And says that to him that invents gold, he gives nothing for the Philosopher's stone; “for,” says he, “they that find out that will be able to pay themselves – but,” says he, “by this means it is better then to give to a lecture. For here my executors, that must part with this, will be sure to be well convinced of the invention before they do part with their money.” Then to Gresham College and there did see a kitlin killed almost quite (but that we could not quite kill her) with sucking away the Ayre out of a Receiver wherein she was put – and then the ayre being let in upon her, revives her immediately. Nay, and this ayre is to be made by putting together a Liquor and some body that firments – the steam of that doth do the work. Thence home, and thence to Whitehall, where the House full of the Dukes going tomorrow; and thence to St. James, wherein these things fell out:

1 I saw the Duke. Kissed his hand. And had his most kind expressions of his value and opinion of me, which comforted me above all things in the world.

2 The like from Mr. Coventry, most heartily and affectionately.

3 Saw, among other fine ladies, Mrs. Middleton, a very great beauty I never knew or heard of before;

4 I saw Waller the Poet, whom I never saw before.

So, very late, by coach home with W. Pen, who was there. To supper and to bed – with my heart at rest and my head very busy, thinking of my several matters now on foot – the new comfort of my old Navy business, and the new one of my imployment on Tanger.

23. Up, and to my Lord Sandwich, who fallows the Duke this day by water down to the Hope, where the *Prince* lies. He received me, busy as he was, with mighty kindness and joy at my promotions, telling me most largely how the Duke hath expressed on all occasions his good opinion of my service and love for me. I paid my thanks and acknowledgment to him; and so back home.

27. Up betimes to Mr. Povy's, and there did sign and seal my agreement with him about my place of being Treasurer for Tanger – it being, the greatest part of it, drawn out of a draft of his own drawing up; only, I have added something here and there in favour of myself. Thence to the Duke of Albemarle, the first time that we