

design); and lastly my Lady Crew came out and left the young people together. And a little pretty daughter of my Lady Wright's most innocently came out afterward, and shut the door to, as if she had done it, poor child, by inspiration – which made us without have good sport to laugh at. They together an hour; and by and by church time, whither he led her into the coach and into the church; and so at church all the afternoon. Several handsome ladies at church – but it was most extraordinary hot that ever I knew it. So home again and to walk in the gardens, where we left the young couple a second time; and my Lady Wright and I to walk together, who to my trouble tells me that my Lady Jem must have something done to her body by Scott before she can be married, and therefore care must be had to send him – also, that some more new clothes must of necessity be made her, which and other things, I took care of. Anon to supper, and excellent discourse and dispute between my Lord Crew and the Chaplin, who is a good Scholler but a nonconformist. Here this evening I spoke with Mrs. Carter, my old acquaintance that hath lived with my Lady these twelve or thirteen years, the sum of all whose discourse, and others for her, is that I would get her [a] good husband; which I have promised, but know not when I shall perform. After Mr. Carteret carried to his chamber, we to prayers again and then to bed.

17. Up, all of us, and to Billiards – my lady Wright, Mr. Carteret, myself and everybody. By and by the young couple left together. Anon to dinner, and after dinner Mr. Carteret took my advice about giving to the servants, and I led him to give 10*l* among them, which he did by leaving it to the chief manservant, Mr. Medows, to do for him. Before we went, I took my Lady Jem apart and would know how she liked this gentleman and whether she was under any difficulty concerning him. She blushed and hid her face awhile, but at last I forced her to tell me; she answered that she could readily obey what her father and mother had done – which was all she could say or I expect. So anon took leave and for London. But Lord, to see, among other things, how all these great people here are afeared of London, being doubtful of anything that comes from thence or that hath lately been there, that I was forced to say that I lived wholly at Woolwich. In our way Mr. Carteret did give me mighty thanks for my care and pains for him, and is mightily pleased – though the truth is, my Lady Jem hath carried herself with mighty discretion and gravity, not being forward at all in any degree but