

the two Sir Wms and I spent the morning passing the Victuallers accounts – the first I have had to do withal.

7. early to Whitehall to the Chappell; where by Mr. Blaggrave's means, I got into his pew and heard Dr. Creeton, the great Scochman, preach – before the King and Duke and Duchesse – upon the words of Michah: "Roule yourselves in dust." He made a most learned sermon upon the words; but in his applicacion, the most Comicall man that ever I heard in my life – just such a man as Hugh peters. Saying that it had been better for the poor Cavalier never to have come in with the King into England again; for he that hath the impudence to deny obedience to the lawful magistrate and to swear to the oath of allegiance &c, were better treated nowadays in newgate then a poor Royalist that hath suffered all his life for the King is at Whitehall among his friends. He discoursed much against a man's lying with his wife in Lent, saying that he might be as incontinent during that time with his own wife as at another time in another man's bed.

10. At the office, doing business all the morning. And my wife being gone to buy some things in the City, I dined with Sir W. Batten; and in the afternoon met Sir W. Pen at the Treasury Office and there paid off the *Guift* – where late at night, and so called in and eat a bit at Sir W. Battens again; and so home and to bed, tomorrow being washing-day.

12. At the office from morning till night, putting of papers in order, that so I may have my office in an orderly condition. I took much pains in sorting and folding of papers.

13. All day either at the office or at home, busy about business till late at night – I having lately fallowed my business much. And I find great pleasure in it, and a growing content.

14. At the office all the morning. At noon Sir W. Penn and I making a bargaine with the workmen about his house. In which I did see things not so well contracted for as I would have, and I was vexed and made him so too, to see me so criticall in the agreement. Home to dinner. In the afternoon came the German, Dr Kuffler, to discourse with us about his Engine to blow up ships. We doubted not [the] matter of fact, it being tried in Cromwells time, but the