

the late high water had made, to the loss of many 1000l to the people about Limehouse). As soon as my Lord on board, the guns went off bravely from the Ships; and a little while after comes the Vice-admirall Lawson and seemed very respectful to my Lord, and so did the rest of the Comanders of the frigates that were thereabouts. I to the Cabbin allotted for me, which was the best that any had that belonged to my Lord. I got out some things out of my chests for writing, and to work presently, Mr. Burr and I both. I supped at the Deck table with Mr. Sheply. We were late, writing of orders for the getting of ships ready, &c. After that to bed in my cabin, which was but short; however, I made shift with it and slept very well; and the weather being good, I was not sick at all; yet I know not when I shall be.

24. I despatch many letters today abroad – and it was late before we could get to bed. Mr. Sheply and How supped with me in my Cabbin, and the boy Eliezr. flung down a can of beer upon my papers which made me give him a box of the eare, it having all spoiled my papers and cost me a great deal of work. So to bed.

25. About 2 a-clock in the morning, letters came from London by our Coxon; so they waked me, but I would not rise but bid him stay till morning, which he did; and then I rose and carried them in to my Lord, who read them a-bed. Among the rest, there was the Writt and Mandate for him to dispose to the Cinque Ports for choice of Parliament men. There was also one for me from Mr. Blackburne, who with his own hand superscribes it to *S.P. Esqr.*, of which, God knows, I was not a little proud. About 10 a-clock Mr. Ibbotts at the end of the long table begin to pray and preach and endeed made a very good sermon, upon the duty of a Christian to be steadfast in the faith. After that, the Captain, Cuttance, and I have oysters, my Lord being in his Cabbin, not entending to stir out today. After that, up into the great Cabbin above to dinner with the Captain, where was Capt. Isham and all the officers of the ship. I took place of all but the Captain. After dinner I writ a great many letters to my friends at London; and after that, the sermon begin again, all which time I slept, God forgive me. After that, it being a fair day, I walked with the Captain upon the Deck talking. At night I supped with him and after that had orders from my Lord about some business to be done against tomorrow, which I sat up late and did; and then to bed.