

which I bid 50*l*, which doth please me mightily – and I believe I shall have it. So to my tailor's and the New Exchange, and so by coach home; and there, having this day bought the *Queene of Arragon* play, I did get my wife and W. Batelier to read it over this night by 11 a-clock, and so to bed.

21. Lay pretty long, talking with content with my wife about our coach and things; and so to the office, where Sir D. Gawden was to do something in his accounts. At noon to dinner to Mr. Batelier's, his mother coming this day a' house-warming to him, and several friends of his, to which he invited us. Here mighty merry, and his mother the same; I heretofore took her for a gentlewoman, and understanding. I rose from table before the rest, because under an obligation to go to my Lord Brouncker's, where to meet several gentlemen of the Royal Society to go and make a visit to the French Ambassador Colbert at Leicester house, he having endeavoured to make one or two to my Lord Brouncker, as our President, but he was not within. But I came too late, they being gone before; but I fallowed to Leicester house, but they are gone in and up before me; and so I away to the New Exchange and there stayed for my wife; and she come, we to cow lane and there I showed her the coach which I pitch on, and she is out of herself for joy almost; but the man not within, so did nothing more towards an agreement; but to Mr. Crow's about a bed, to have his advice; and so home and there had my wife to read to me, and so to supper and to bed. *Memorandum*: that from Crows, we went back to Charing cross and there left my people at their tailor's while I to my Lord Sandwiches lodgings, who came to town the last night and is come thither to lie – and met with him within; and among others, my new Cosen Creed, who looks mighty soberly; and he and I salute one another with mighty gravity, till we came to a little more freedom of talk about it. But here I hear that Sir Gilb. Pickering is lately dead, about three days since, which makes some sorrow there; though not much, because of his being long expected to die, having been in a Lethargy long. So waited on my Lord to Court, and there stayed and saw the ladies awhile; and thence to my wife and took them up; and so home and to supper and bed.

24. This morning comes to me the coachmaker, and agreed with me for 53*l*, and stand to the courtesy for what more I should give him upon the finishing of it. He is likely also to fit me with a