

18. A great while at my Viall and voice, learning to sing *Fly boy, fly boy* without book. So to my office, where little to do. In the Hall I met with Mr. Eglin and one Looker, a famous gardiner, servant to my Lord Salsbury; and among other things, the gardiner told a strange passage in good earnest: how formerly Mr. Eglin did in his company put his finger, which being sore had a black case over it, into a woman's belly, he named her Nan (which I guess who it is), and left his case within her; which Mr. Eglin blushed but did not deny it. Which truly I was sorry to hear and did think of it a good while afterward. Home to dinner; and then went to my Lord's lodgings to my turret there, and took away most of my books and sent them home by my maid. Hither came Capt. Holland to me, who took me to the Half Moone tavern and Mr. Southorne, Blackburnes clerk. Thence he took me to the Mitre in Fleet street, where we heard (in a room over the music-room) very plainly through the ceiling. Here we parted, and I to Mr. Wottons and with him to an alehouse and drank; where he told me a great many stories of comedies which he had formerly seen acted and the names of the principal actors, and gave me a very good account of it. Hence to Whitehall, where I met with Luellin and at the Clerkes chamber wrote a letter to my Lord. So home and to bed. This day, two soldiers were hanged in the Strand for their late mutiny at Somerset house.

19. *Lords day.* Early in the morning, I set my books that I brought home yesterday up in order in my study. Thence, forth to Mr. Harpers to drink a draught of purle; whither by appointment Monsieur L'impertinent who did intend too, upon my desire, to go along with me to St. Bartholomew's to hear one Mr. Sparkes; but it raining very hard, we went to Mr. Gunings and heard an excellent sermon. And speaking of the character that the Scripture gave of Ann the mother of the Blessed Virgin, he did there speak largely in commendation of Widowhood, and not as we do to marry two or three wifes or husbands, one after another. Here I met with Mr. Moore and went home with him to dinner, where he told me the discourse that happened between the secluded members and the members of the House before Monke last Friday. How the secluded said that they did not intend by coming in to express revenge upon these men, but only to meet and dissolve themselvs, and only to issue writs for a free Parliament. He told me that there is great likelihood that the secluded members will come in, and so Mr.