

pleasant in the fields. But a very pitiful town Deale is. We went to Fullers (the famous place for ale); but they had none but what was in the fat. After that to Pooles, a tavern in the town, where we drank; and so to boat again and went to the *Assistance*, where we were treated very civilly by the Captain; and he did give us such musique upon the harp by a fellow that he keeps on board, that I never expect to hear the like again – yet he a drunken simple fellow to look on as any I ever saw. After that on board the *Nazeby*, where we found my Lord at supper; so I sat down and very pleasant my Lord was with Mr. Creed and Sheply, who he puzzled about finding out the meaning of the three holes which my Lord hath cut over the Chrystall of his watch. After supper, some musique. Then Mr. Sheply, W. Howe and I up to the Lieutenants Cabbins, where we drank, and I and Will Howe were very merry; and among other froliques, he pulls out the spiket of the little vessel of ale that was there in the Cabbins and drew some into his Mounteere; and after he had drunk, I endeavouring to dash it in his face, he got my velvett studying-cap and drew some into mine too, that we made ourselves a great deal of mirth, but spoiled my clothes with the ale that we dash up and down; after that, to bed very late – with drink enough in my head.

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1. This morning I was told how the people of Deale have set up two or three Maypooles and have hung up their flags upon the top of them, and so resolve to be very merry today, it being a very pleasant day. I wished myself in Hide parke. After dinner to nine-pins, and won something. The rest of the afternoon at my cabin, writing and piping. While we were at supper, we heard a great noise upon the Quarter Deck; so we all rise instantly, and found that it was to save the Coxon of the *Cheritons* boate; who dropping overboard, could not be saved, but was drowned. Today I put on my suit that was altered from the great skirts to little ones.

2. In the morning at a breakfast of Radyshees at the Pursers cabin. After that to writing – till dinner – at which time comes Dunne from London with letters that tell us the wellcome Newes of the Parliaments votes yesterday, which will be remembered for the