

stairs, and he at the top, and says, *Vostra Illustrissima Serenidad sta finita et puede andar en casa* – “Your serenity is now ended; and now you may be going home;” and so claps on his hat and the old Duke (having by custome sent his goods home before) walks away, it may be but with one man at his heels, and the new one brought immediately in his room, in the greatest state in the world. Another account was told us, how in the Dukedome of Regusa in the Adriatique (a State that is little, but more ancient they say then Venice, and is called the mother of Venice) and the Turkes lie round about it – that they change all the officers of their guard, for fear of conspiracy, every 24 houres, so that nobody knows who shall be Captain of the guard tonight; but two men come to a man, and lay hold of him as a prisoner and carry him to the place; and there he hath the keys of the garrison given him, and he presently issues his orders for that night’s Watch; and so always, from night to night. Sir Wm. Rider told the first of his own knowledge; and both he and Sir Wm. Batten confirm the last.

13. All the morning at home, and Mr. Berchenshaw (whom I have not seen a great while, came to see me), who stayed with me a great while talking of Musique; and I am resolved to begin to learne of him to compose and to begin tomorrow, he giving of me so great hopes that I shall soon do it. Before 12 a-clock comes by appointment Mr. Peter and the Deane and Coll. Honiwood, brothers, to dine with me. But so soon that I was troubled at it. But however, I entertained them with talk and oysters till one a-clock; and then we sat down to dinner. Mr. Peter after dinner did show us the experiment (which I have heard talk of) of the Chymicall glasses, which break all to dust by breaking off the little small end – which is a great mystery to me.

14. All the morning at home – Mr. Berchenshaw, by appointment yesterday, coming to me, and begun composition of Musique. And he being gone, I to settle my papers and things in my chamber; and so after dinner, in the afternoon to the office and thence to my chamber about several businesses of the office and my own; and then to supper and to bed. This day my brave vellum covers to keep pictures in came in, which pleases me very much.

15. This morning Mr. Berchenshaw came again; and after he had examined me and taught me something in my work, he and I went