

common Stockes, but what I have, to keep at interest, which is a good, quiet and easy profit and once in a little while something offers that with ready money you may make use of money to good profit – wherein I concur much with him, and parted late with great pleasure and content in his discourse; and so home to supper and to bed.

6. Up betimes and to my office; a good while at my new rulers, then to business. And towards noon to the exchange with Creede, where we met with Sir J. Minnes coming in his coach from Westminster; who tells us in great heat that, by God, the parliament will make mad work; that they will render all men incapable of any military or Civill imployment that have borne arms in the late troubles against the King, excepting some persons – which if it be so, as I hope it is not, will give great cause of discontent, and I doubt will have but bad effects. I left them at the Exchange and I walked to Pauls churchyard to look upon a book or two, and so back and thence to the Trinity house and there dined – where, among other discourse worth hearing among the old Seamen, they tell us that they have ketched often in Greenland in fishing Whales, with the Iron grapnells that had formerly been struck into their bodies covered over with fat – that they have had eleven hogsheadds of Oyle out of the Tongue of a Whale.

8. Up very earely and to my office, there preparing letters to my father, of great import in the settling of our affairs and putting him upon a way [of] good husbandry – I promising him to make out of my own purse him up 50*l* per annum, till either by my Uncle Thomas's death or the fall of the Wardrobe place he be otherwise provided. That done, I by water to the Strand and there viewed the Queene-Mother's works at Somerset house; and thence to the new playhouse, the second day of its being opened. The play was *The Humorous Lieutenant* – a play that hath little good in it. In the dance, the Tall Devil's actions was very pretty. The play being done, we home by water, and to my office to set down this day's passage. And though my oath against going to plays doth not oblige me against this house, because it was not then in being, yet believing that at that time my meaning was against all public houses, I am resolved to deny myself the liberty of two plays at Court which are in arreare to me for the months of March and Aprill; which will more then countervail this excess. So home to supper. And at