

accounts); and being come home to supper, with my father, and then all to bed. I made my brother in his Cassocke to say grace this day, but I like his voice so ill, that I begin to be sorry he hath taken this order upon him.

11. *Memorandum.* I had taken my Journall during the fire and the disorders fallowing in loose papers until this very day, and could not get time to enter them in my book till January 18 in the morning, having made my eyes sore by frequent attempts this winter to do it. But now it is done, for which I thank God, and pray never the like occasion may happen.

12. Up, and after taking leave of my poor father, who is setting out this day for Brampton by the Cambrige coach, he having taken a journey to see the city burned and to bring my brother to town – I out by water; and so [by] coach to St. James's, the weather being foul – and there from Sir W. Coventry do hear how the House hath cut us off 15000 of our wear and tear – for that which was saved by the King while the fleet lay in harbour in winter. However, he seems pleased, and so am I, that they have abated no more – and do intend to allow of 28000 men for the next year; and this day have appointed to declare the sum they will give the King, and to propose the way of raising it – so that this is likely to be the great day. After done in his chamber, I with him to Westminster hall and there took a few turns, the Hall mighty full of people and the House likely to be very full today about the money business. Thence to Mrs. Martin's lodging and did what I would with her. She is very big, and resolves I must be godfather. Thence away by water with Cropp to Deptford. It was almost night before I got thither, so I only did give direction concerning a press that I have making there, to hold my turning and Joyners tooles that were lately given me, which will be very handsome; and so away back again, it being now dark; and so home, and there find my wife come home and hath brought her new Girle I have helped her to of Mr. Falconbrige's. She is wretched poor and but ordinary favoured, and we fain to lay out seven or eight pound-worth of clothes upon her back, which methinks doth go against my heart, and do not think I can ever esteem her as I could have done another that had come fine and handsome; and which is more, her voice, for want of use, is so Furr'd, that it doth not at present please me; but her manner of singing is such, that I shall, I think, take great pleasure in it. Well,