

Change and thence home to dinner; and so with my wife to the Duke's house to a play, *Macbeth*; a pretty good play, but admirably acted. Thence home, the coach being forced to go round by London wall home because of the Bonfires – the day being mightily observed in the City. To my office late at business; and then home to supper and to bed.

6. *Lords day*. Up, and with my wife to church. Dined at home. And I all the afternoon close at my office, drawing up some proposals to present to the committee for the Fishery tomorrow – having a great good intention to be serviceable in that business if I can. At night to supper with my uncle Wight, where very merry; and so home – to prayers and to bed.

7. Up, and with Sir W. Batten to Whitehall, where mighty thrusting about the Duke, now upon his going. We were with him long; he advised us to fallow our business close and to be directed in his absence by the committee of the Councell for the Navy. By and by a meeting of the Fishery, where the Duke was; but in such haste, and things looked so superficially over, that I had not a fit opportunity to propose my paper that I wrote yesterday; but I had showed it to Mr. Gray and Wren before, who did like it most highly as they said, and I think they would not dissemble in that manner in a business of this nature. But I see the greatest businesses are done so superficially, that I wonder anything succeeds at all among us that is public.

8. Up, and to the office – where by and by Mr. Coventry came; and after doing a little business, took his leave of us, being to go to sea with the Duke tomorrow. At noon I and Sir J. Mennes and Lord Berkely (who with Sir J. Duncum and Mr. Chichly are made Maisters of the Ordnance) to the Office of the Ordnance to discourse about Wadding for guns. Thence to dinner, all of us, to the Lieutenant of the Towers – where a good dinner, but disturbed in the middle of it by the King's coming into the Tower; and so we broke up, and to him and went up and down the storehouses and magazines; which are, with the addition of the new great Storehouse, a noble sight. He gone, I to my office, where Bagwell's wife stayed for me; and together with her a good while, to meet again shortly. So all the afternoon at my office – till late; and then to bed – joyed in my love and ability to fallow my business. This day Mr.