

make my mind quiet. In [Westminster] hall today, Dr. Pierce tells me that the Queene begins to be briske and play like other ladies, and is quite another woman from what she was, of which I am glad – it may be it may make the King like her the better and forsake his two mistresses, my Lady Castlemaine and Steward.

5. Up and to read a little; and by and by, the Carver coming, I directed him how to make me a neat head for my viall that is making. About 10 a-clock my wife and I, not without some discontent, abroad by coach, and I set her at her father's; but their condition is such that she will not let me see where they live – but goes by herself when I am out of sight. Thence I to my brother's, taking care for a passage for my wife the next week in a coach to my father's. Thence to Pauls churchyard, where I find several books ready bound for me; among others, the new *Concordance* of the Bible, which pleases me much and is a book I hope to make good use of.

6. Lay in bed till 7 a-clock, yet rise with an opinion that it was not 5; and so continued, though I heard the clock strike, till noon and could not believe that it was so late as it truly was. I was hardly ever so mistaken in my life before. Up and to Sir G. Carteret at his house and spoke to him about business; but he being in a bad humour, I had no mind to stay with him, but walked (drinking my morning draught of Whey by the way) to Yorke house, where the Russia Ambassador doth lie; and there I saw his people go up and down louseing themselves; they are all in a great hurry, being to be gone the beginning of next week. By and by comes Sir John Hebden the Russia Resident to me, and he and I in his coach to Whitehall to Secretary Morrices, to see the orders about the Russia Hemp that is to be fetched from Archangell for our King; and that being done, to coach again and he brought me into the City; and so I home, and after dinner abroad by water and met by appointment Mr. Deane in the Temple church; and he and I over to Mr. Blackburys yard and thence to other places; and after that, to a drinking house; in all which places I did so practise and improve my measuring of timber, that I can now do it with great ease and perfection, which doth please me mightily. This fellow Deane is a conceited fellow and one that means the King a great deal of service, more of disservice to other people that go away with profits which he cannot make; but however, I learn much of him and he is, I perceive, of great use to