

the Comptroller and Surveyor and went to Whitehall to my Lord's. Where I find my Lord gone this morning to Huntington – as he told me yesterday he would. I stayed and dined with my Lady, there being Loud the Page's mother there and dined also with us, and seemed to have been a very pretty woman and of good discourse. Before dinner I examined Loud in his Latin and find him a very pretty boy and gone a great way in Latin. So to the Privy Seale, where signed a deadly number of Pardons, which doth trouble me to get nothing by. Home by water; and there was much pleased to see that my little room is likely to come to be finished soon. I fell a-reading in Fuller's *history of Abbys* and my wife in *Grand Cyrus* till 12 at night; and so to bed.

8. I went to dinner with my wife and Mr. and Mrs. Pierce the Chyrurgeon to Mr. Pierce the Purser (the first time that ever I was at his house), who doth live very plentifully and finely. We have a lovely Chine of beef and other good things, very complete – and drank a great deal of wine. And her daughter played after dinner upon the virginalls, and at night by lanthorne home again; and Mr. Pierce and his wife being gone home – I went to bed, having drank so much wine that my head was troubled – and was not very well all night. And the Winde, I observed, was ris exceedingly this night before I went to bed.

9. *Lords day.* Being called up earely by Sir W. Batten, I rose and went to his house and he told me the ill news that he hath this morning from Woolwich: that the *Assurance* (formerly Capt. Hollands ship, and now Capt. Stoakes, designed for Guiny and manned and victualled), was by a gust of wind sunk down to the bottom. Twenty men drowned. Sir Wms both went by barge thither to see how things are – and I am sent to the Duke of Yorke to tell him. And by boat, with some other company going to Whitehall from the old Swan, I went to the Duke. And first calling upon Mr. Coventry at his Chamber, I went to the Duke's bedside (who hath sat up late last night and lay long this morning), who was much surprized therewith. This being done, I went to Chappell and sat in Mr. Blagraves pew and there did sing my part along with another before the King – and with much ease. From thence going to my Lady, I met with a letter from my Lord (which Andrew hath been at my house to bring me, but missed me) commanding me to go to Mr. Denham to get a man to go to him tomorrow to