

30. Up, and all day, both morning and afternoon, at my accounts, it being a great month both for profit and layings-out – the last being 89*l* – for kitchen, and clothes for myself and wife, and a few extraordinaries for the house. And my profits, besides salary, 239*l*. So that I have this week, notwithstanding great layings-out (and preparations for laying-out, which I make as paid this month), my balance doth come to 1203*l* – for which the Lord's name be praised.

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1. Up and at the office both forenoon and afternoon, very busy, and with great pleasure in being so. This morning, Mrs. Lane (now Martin) like a foolish woman came to the Hors shoo hard by, and sent for me while I was at the office to come to speak with her, by a note sealed up – I know, to get me to do something for her husband; but I sent her an answer that I would see her at Westminster. And so I did not go, and she went away, poor soul. At night home to supper, weary and my eyes sore with writing and reading – and to bed. We go now on with great Vigour in preparing against the Dutch, who they say will now fall upon us without doubt, upon this high news come of our beating them so wholly in Guiny.

2. *Lords day.* My wife not being well to go to church, I walked with my boy through the City, putting in at several churches; among others, at Bishopsgate, and there saw the picture usually put before the King's book, put up in the church; but very ill painted, though it were a pretty piece to set up in a church. I intended to have seen the Quakers, who they say do meet every Lord's day at the Mouth at Bishopsgate; but I could see none stirring, nor was it fit to ask for the place. So I walked over Moorefields, and thence to Clerkenwell church and there (as I wished) sat next pew to the fair Butler, who endeed is a most perfect beauty still. And one I do very much admire myself for my choice of her for a beauty – she having the best lower part of her face that ever I saw all days of my life. After church I walked to my Lady Sandwiches through my Lord Southamptons new buildings in the fields behind Grays Inn; and endeed they are very great and a noble work. So I dined with my Lady; and the same innocent discourse that we used to have. Only, after dinner, being alone, she asked me my opinion about Creed,