

27. Up and to my office, whither several persons came to me about office business. About 11 a-clock Comissioner Pett and I walked to Chyrurgeons hall (we being all invited thither and promised to dine there), where we were led into the Theatre; and by and by came the Reader, Dr. Tearne, with the Maister and Company, in a very handsome manner; and all being settled, he begun his lecture, this being the second upon the Kidnys, Ureters, and yard, which was very fine; and his discourse being ended, we walked into the hall; and there being great store of company we had a fine dinner and good learned company, many Doctors of Physique, and we used with extraordinary great respect. After dinner Dr. Scarborough took some of his friends, and I went along with them, to see the body alone; which we did; he was a lusty fellow, a seaman that was hanged for a robbery. I did touch the dead body with my bare hand; it felt cold, but methought it was a very unpleasant sight. But all the Doctors at table conclude that there is no pain at all in hanging, for that it doth stop the circulations of the blood and so stops all sense and motion in an instant. Thence we went into a private room, where I perceive they prepare the bodies, and there was the Kidnys, Ureters, yard, stones and semenary vessels upon which he read today. And Dr. Scarborough, upon my desire and the company's, did show very clearly the manner of the disease of the stone and the cutting and all other Questions that I could think of.

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9. Up betimes to my office, where all the morning. About noon Sir J. Robinson, Lord Mayor, desiring way through the garden from the Tower, called in at the office and there invited me (and Sir W. Penn, who happened to be in the way) to dinner, which we did. And there had a great Lent dinner of fish, little flesh. And thence he and I in his coach, against my will (for I am resolved to shun too great fellowship with him) to Whitehall; but came too late, the Duke having been with our fellow-officers before we came, for which I was sorry. Thence he and I to walk one turn in the parke and so home by coach, and I to my office, where late; and so home to supper and bed. There dined with us today Mr. Slingsby of the Mint, who showed us all the new pieces, both gold and silver