

25. *Lady day*. All the morning at the office. Dined with my wife at home. Then to the office, where (while Sir Wms both did examine the Victuallers account) I sat in my closet drawing letters and other businesses – being much troubled for want of an order of the Councells lately sent us, about making of boates for some ships now going to Jamaica. At last, late at night, I had a Copy sent me of it by Sir G. Lane from the Council Chamber. With my mind well at ease, home and to supper and bed.

26. Up earely – this being, by God's great blessing, the fourth solemne day of my cutting for the stone this day four year. And am by God's mercy in very good health, and like to do well, the Lord's name be praised for it. To the office and Sir G. Carterets all the morning, about business. At noon came my good guest Madame Turner, The[oph]. and Cosen Norton, and a gentleman, one Mr. Lewin of the King's life-guard; by the same token he told us of one of his fellows, killed this morning in the dewell. I had a pretty dinner for them – *viz*: a brace of stewed Carps, six roasted chicken, and a Jowle of salmon hot, for the first course – a Tanzy and two neats' tongues and cheese the second. And were very merry all the afternoon, talking and singing and piping on the Flagelette. In the evening they went with great pleasure away; and I with great content, and my wife, walked half an houre in the garden; and so home to supper and to bed. We had a man-cook to dress dinner today, and sent for Jane to help us. And my wife and she agreed 3^l a year (she would not serve under) till both could be better provided; and so she stays with us.

27. earely, Sir G. Carteret, both Sir Wms and I by Coach to Deptford, it being very windy and rainy weather – taking a Codd and some prawnes in Fishstreete with us. We settled to pay the *Guernsy* – a small ship, but came to a great deal of money, it having been unpaid ever since before the King came in – by which means, not only the King pays wages while the ship hath lain still, but the poor men have most of them been forced to borrow all the money due for their wages before they receive it, and that at a dear rate, God knows. So that many of them had very little to receive at the table – which grieved me to see it.

30. *Easterday*. Having my old black suit new-furbished, I was pretty neat in clothes today – and my boy, his old suit new-