

afternoon about Victualling business, but once more waited in vain. So after a turn or two with Lord Brouncker, I took my wife up and left her at the Change, while I to Gresham College, there to show myself, and was there greeted by Dr. Wilkins, Whistler, and others, as the patron of the Navy Office and one that got great fame by my late speech to the Parliament. Here I saw a great trial of the goodness of a burning-glass, made of a new figure, not Sphæricall (by one Smithys, I think they call him), that did burn a glove of my Lord Brouncker's from the heat of a very little fire – which a burning-glass of the old form, very much bigger, could not do – which was mighty pretty. Here I heard Sir Rob. Southwell give an account of some things committed to him by the Society at his going to Portugall, which he did deliver in a mighty handsome manner. Thence went away home, and there at my office as long as my eyes would endure; and then home to supper and to talk with Mr. Pelling, who tells me what a fame I have in the City for my late performance; and upon the whole, I bless God for it, I think I have, if I can keep it, done myself a great deal of repute. So by and by to bed.

13. Up betimes to my office, where to fit myself to attending the Parliament again; not to make any more speeches, which while my fame is good I will avoid for fear of losing of it, but only to answer to what objections shall be made against us. Thence walked to the Old Swan and drank at Michell's, whose house is going up apace; here I saw Betty, but could not beset her; and so to Westminster, there to the Hall, where up to my Cosen Rogr. Pepys at the Parliament door, and there he took me aside and told me how he was taken up by one of the House yesterday for moving for going on with the King's supply of money without regard to the keeping pace therewith with the looking into miscarriages, and was told by this man privately that it arose because that he had a kinsman concerned therein and therefore he would prefer the safety of his kinsman to the good of the nation. And that there was great things against us, and against me, for all my fine discourse the other day. But I did bid him be at no pain for me, for I knew of nothing but what I was very well prepared to answer; and so I think I am, and therefore was not at all disquieted by this. Thence, he to the House and I to the Hall, where my Lord Brouncker and the rest waiting till noon and not called for by the House, they being upon the business of money again; and at noon, all of us to Chatelin, the French house in Covent