

going into the country a week or two hence. I away by coach to Whitehall, where we met to wait on the Duke of York; and as soon as prayers were done, it being Good Friday, he came to us and we did a little business and presented him with our demand of money, and so broke up; and I thence by coach to Kate Joyces, being desirous and in pain to speak with her about the business that I received a letter yesterday, but had no opportunity of speaking with her about it, company being with her; so I only invited her to come and dine with me on Sunday next; and so away home, and for saving my eyes, at my chamber all the evening, pricking down some things and trying some conclusions upon my viall, in order to the inventing of a better theory of Musique then hath yet been abroad; and I think verily I shall do it. So to supper with my wife, who is in very good humour with her working, and so am I; and so to bed.

22. *Easter day.* I up and walked to the Temple; and there got a coach to Whitehall, where spoke with several people, and find by all that Pen is to go to sea this year with this fleet. And they excuse the Prince's going by saying that it is not a command great enough for him. Here I met with Brisban; and after hearing the service at the King's chapel, where I heard the Bishop of Norwich, Dr. Reynolds the old presbyterian, begin a very plain sermon, he and I to the Queen's chapel and there did hear the Italians sing; and ended, their music did appear most admirable to me, beyond anything of ours – I was never so well satisfied in my life with it. So back to Whitehall, and there met Mr. Pierce and adjousted together how we should spend tomorrow together. And so by coach, I home to dinner, where Kate Joyce was, as I invited her; and had a good dinner, only she and us; and after dinner, she and I alone to talk about her business as I designed; and I find her very discreet, and assures me she neither doth nor will incline to the doing anything towards marriage without my advice, and did tell me that she had many offers, and that Harman and his friends would fain have her but he is poor and hath poor friends, and so it will not be advisable. But that there is another, a Tobacconist, one Holinshed, whom she speaks well of to be a plain, sober man and in good condition, that offers her very well; and submits to me my examining and inquiring after it – if I see good – which I do like of it, for it will be best for her to marry I think as soon as she can; at least, to be rid of this house – for the trade will not agree with a young widow that is