

state of the last six months' charge of the Navy, which we bring to 1000000 and above – I think we do not enlarge much in it, if anything. So to bed.

8. *Lords day.* Up, and after being trimmed, to the office, whither I, upon a letter from the Duke of Albemarle to me to order as many ships forth out of the River as I can presently, to joyne to meet the Dutch, had ordered all the Captains of the ships in the River to come to me. I did some business with them, and so to Capt. Cockes to dinner – he being in the country, but here his brother Salomon was, and for guests, myself, Sir G. Smith, and a very fine lady, one Mrs. Penington – and two more Gentlemen. But, both [before] and after dinner, most excellent witty discourse with this lady, who is a very fine witty lady, one of the best I ever heard speak – and indifferent handsome. There after dinner an hour or two, and so to the office, where ended my business with the Captains; and I think of 22 ships, we shall make shift to get out seven (God help us – men being sick – or provisions lacking); and so to write letters to Sir Ph. Warwicke, Sir W. Coventry, and Sir G. Carteret to Court, about the last six months' accounts, and sent away by an express tonight.

11. Up, and so in my chamber stayed all the morning, doing something toward my Tanger accounts for the stating of them; and also comes up my landlady, Mrs. Clerke, to make an agreement for the time to come; and I, for the having room enough, and to keep out strangers and to have a place to retreat to for my wife if the sickness should come to Woolwich, am contented to pay dear; so, for three rooms and a dining-room, and for linen and bread and beer and butter at nights and mornings, I am to give her 5*l*–10*s*. per month – and I wrote, and we signed to an agreement. By and by comes Cocke, and so he and I (having eat something at his house) by water to Erith; and there we met Mr. Seamour, one of the Commissioners for Prizes, and a Parliament Man, and he was mighty high and had now seized our goods on their behalf – and he mighty imperiously would have all forfeited and I know not what. It growing late, and I having something to do at home, took my leave alone, leaving Cocke there for all night; and so, against tide and in the dark and very cold weather, to Woolwich, where we had appointed to keep the night merrily; and so, by Capt. Cockes coach, had brought a very pretty child (a daughter of one Mrs. Tookers, next door to my lodging), and so she and a daughter and