

to breakfast in my chamber, upon a Coller of brawne. And after we had eaten, he asked me whether we have not committed a fault in eating today, telling me that it is a fast-day, ordered by the parliament to pray for more seasonable weather – it having hitherto been some summer weather, that it is, both as to warmth and every other thing, just as if it were the middle of May or June, which doth threaten a plague (as all men think) to fallow; for so it was almost the last winter and the whole year after hath been a very sickly time, to this day. I did not stir out of my house all day, but con'd my Musique; and at night, after supper to bed.

16. At night to Sir W. Batten and there saw him and Capt. Cock and Stokes play at Cards, and afterwards supped with them. Stokes told us that notwithstanding the country of Gambo is so unhealthy, yet the people of that place live very long, so as the present King there is 150 years old, which they count by Raynes because every year it rains continually four months together. He also told us that the kings there have above 100 wives apiece, and offered him the choice of any of his wifes to lie with, and so he did Capt. Holmes. So home and to bed.

19. *Lords day.* To church in the morning, where Mr. Mills preached upon Christ's being offered up for our sins. And there, proveing the æquity with what Justice God could lay our sins upon his Son, he did make such a sermon (among other things, pleading from God's universall Soverainty over all his Creatures, the power he hath of commanding what he would of his Son, by the same rule as that he might have made us all and the whole world from the beginning to have been in hell, arguing from the power the potter hath over his clay), that I could have wished he had let it alone. And speaking again, that God the Father is now so satisfyd by our Security for our debt that we might say at the last day, as many of us as have interest in Christ's death – Lord, we owe thee nothing – our debt is paid – we are not beholden to thee for anything, for thy debt is paid thee to the full – which methinks were very bold words.

20. This morning Sir Wm. Batten and Penn and [I] did begin the examining the Treasurers accounts – the first that ever he hath passed in the office. Which is very long – and we were all at it till noon. Then to dinner, he providing a fine dinner for us; and we eate it at Sir Wm. Batten's, where we were very merry, there being at