

report 200000*l* per annum; and how to allot this, we met this afternoon and took their papers for our perusal, and so we parted. Thence back by water to Greatorrex's, and there he showed me his Varnish which he hath invented, which appears every whit as good, upon a stick which he hath done, as the Indian, though it did not do very well upon my paper rules with Musique lines, for it sunk and did not shine.

24. *Lords day*. Having taken one of Mr. Holliards pills last night, it brought a stool or two this morning; and so I forebore going to church this morning, but stayed at home, looking over my papers about T. Trices business;<sup>1</sup> and so at noon dined, and my wife telling me that there was a pretty lady come to church with Pegg Pen today, I against my intention had a mind to go to church to see her, and did so – and she is pretty handsome. But over against our gallery I espied Pembleton and saw him leer upon my wife all the sermon, I taking no notice of him, and my wife upon him; and I observed she made a curtsy to him at coming out, without taking notice to me at all of it; which, with the consideration of her being desirous these two last Lord's-days to go to church both forenoon and afternoon, doth really make me suspect something more then ordinary. But I must have patience and get her into the country, or at least to make an end of her learning to dance as soon as I can.

25. Up; and my pill working a little, I stayed within most of the morning. Ashwell did by and by come to me with an errand from her mistress, to desire money to buy a country suit for her against she goes as we talked last night; and so I did give her 4*l* and believe it will cost me the best part of 4 more to fit her out; but with peace and honour, I am willing to spare anything so as to be able to keep all ends together and my power over her undisturbed. Mr. Alsopp the King's Brewer tells me of a horse of his that lately, after four days' pain, voided at his fundament four stones, bigger then that I was cut of, very heavy and in the middle of each of them either a piece of Iron or wood. The King hath two of them in his closet, and a third, the College of Physicians to keep for rarities; and by the King's command he causes the turd of the horse to be every day searched to find more.

1. See above, pp. 144–5 (8–13 July).