

when I come to be alone, I do not eat in time, nor enough, nor with any good heart, and I immediately begin to be full of wind, which brings me pain, till I come to fill my belly a-days again; then am presently well.

12. The people die so, that now it seems they are fain to carry the dead to be buried by daylight, the nights not sufficing to do it in. And my Lord Mayor commands people to be within at 9 at night, all (as they say) that the sick may have liberty to go abroad for ayre. There is one also dead out of one of our ships at Deptford, which troubles us mightily – the *Providence* fireship, which was just fitted to go to sea. But they tell me today, no more sick on board. And this day W. Bodham tells me that one is dead at Woolwich, not far from the Ropeyard. I am told too, that a wife of one of the groomes at Court is dead at Salisbury, so that the King and Queene are speedily to be all gone to [Wilton]. God preserve us.

13. *Lords day.* Up betimes, and to my chamber (it being a very wet day all day, and glad I am that we did not go by water to see the *Sovereigne* today as I entended), clearing all matters in packing up my papers and books – and giving instructions in writing to my Executors, thereby perfecting the whole business of my Will, to my very great joy. So that I shall be in much better state of soul, I hope, if it should please the Lord to call me away this sickly time. At night to read, being weary with this day's great work. And then after supper to bed, to rise betimes tomorrow. And to bed with a mind as free as to the business of the world as if I were not worth 100*l* in the whole world, everything being evened under my hand in my books and papers; and upon the whole, I find myself worth (besides Brampton estate) the sum of 2164*l* – for which the Lord be praised.

14. Up; and my mind being at mighty ease from the despatch of my business so much yesterday, I down to Deptford to Sir G. Carteret; where with him a great while, and a great deal of private talk concerning my Lord Sandwich's and his matters – and chiefly of the latter, I giving him great deal of advice about the necessity of his having caution concerning Fenn, and the many ways there are of his being abused by any man in his place. And why he should not bring his son in to look after his business, and more, to be a Comissioner of the Navy; which he listened to and liked, and told me how much the King was his good maister, and was sure would