

Musique, but there was none; but only trumpets and drums, which displeased me. The dinner, it seems, is made by the Mayor and two Sheriffs for the time being, the Lord Mayor paying one half and they the other – and the whole, Proby says, is reckoned to come to about 7 or 800*l* at most. Being wearied with looking upon a company of ugly women, Creed and I went away; and took coach and through Cheapside and there saw the pageants, which were very silly. And thence to the Temple; where meeting Greator, he and we to the Hercules pillars, there to show me the manner of his going about a great work of drayning of Fenns, which I desired much to know; but it did not appear very satisfactory to me as he discoursed it, and I doubt he will fail in it.

31. To the office, where busy till night; and then to prepare my monthly account, about which I stayed till 10 or 11 a-clock at night; and to my great sorrow, find myself 43*l* worse then I was the last month; which was then 760*l* and now is but 717*l*. But it hath chiefly arisen from my layings-out in clothes for myself and wife – *viz.*, for her, about 12*l*; and for myself, 55*l* or thereabouts – having made myself a velvet cloak, two new cloth-suits, black, plain both – a new shag-gown, trimmed with gold buttons and twist; with a new hat, and silk top[s] for my legs, and many other things, being resolved henceforward to go like myself. And also two periwigs, one whereof costs me 3*l* and the other 40*s*. I have wore neither yet, but will begin next week, God willing. So that I hope I shall not now need to lay out more money a great while, I having laid out in clothes for myself and wife, and for her closet and other things without, these two months (this and the last), besides household expenses of victuals &c., above 110*l*. But I hope I shall with more comfort labour to get more, and with better successe then when, for want of clothes, I was forced to sneak like a beggar. Having done this, I went home; and after supper to bed.

✧ NOVEMBER ✧

1. *Lords day*. This morning my brother's man brought me a new black bays waistcoat faced with silk, which I put on – from this day laying by half-shirts for this winter. He brought me also my new gowne of purple Shagg, trimmed with gold, very handsome. He