

hangings and things in my house because of the great dust that is already made by the pulling down of Sir W. Batten's house, and will be by my own when I come to it. To my office, and there hard at work all the morning. After a little dinner, to my office again. And in the evening Sir W. Warren came to me about business; and that being done, discoursing of Deales, I did offer to go along with him among his deal ships; which we did, to half a scoare; where he showed me the difference between Dram, Swinsound, Christiana and others, and told me many pleasant notions concerning their manner of cutting and sawing them by watermills, and the reason how deals become dearer and cheaper; among others, when the snow is not so great as to fill up the vallys, that they pass from hill to hill over the snow, then it is dear carriage. From on board he took me to his yard, where vast and many piles of deals, sparres, and balkes and Euphroes – the difference between which I never knew before. And endeed, am very proud of this evening's work. He had me into his house, which is most pretty and neat and well furnished. After a glass, not of wine, for I could not be tempted to drink any, but a glass of mum, I well home by water; but it being late, was forced to land at the custome house, and so home – and to bed. And after I was abed, letters came from the Duke for the fitting out of four ships forthwith from Portsmouth (I know not yet for what), so I was forced to make Will get them writ, and signed them in bed and sent them away by expresse. And so to sleep.

24. *Midsummer day.* Up earely and to my office, putting things in order against we sit. Sit all the morning, and I bless God I find that by my diligence of late and still, I do get ground in the office every day. At noon to the change, where I begin to be known also. And so home to dinner and then to the office, all the afternoon dispatching business. At night news is brought me that Field, the rogue,¹ hath this day cast me at Guildhall in 30*l* for his imprisonment, to which I signed his commitment with the rest of the officers. But they having been parliament-men, he hath begun the law with me and threatens more. But I hope the Duke of Yorke will bear me out.

25. Up by 4 a-clock and put my accounts with my Lord into a very good order, and so to my office – where having put many things in order, I went to the Wardrobe but find my Lord gone to

1. See above, p. 190 (13 April) & n.