

4. Lay long talking with my wife, and did of my own accord come to an allowance of her of 30*l* a year for all expenses, clothes and everything; which she was mightily pleased with, it being more then ever she asked or expected; and so rose with much content, and up and with W. Hewer to Whitehall, there to speak with Mr. Wren; which I did, about several things of the office entered in my memorandum-books; and so about noon, going homeward with W. Hewer, he and I went in and saw the great tall woman that is to be seen, which is but twenty-one years old and I do easily stand under her arms.

7. Up and to the office, where busy all the morning; and then at noon home to dinner; and thence, my wife and I to the King's playhouse and there saw *The Island princesse*, the first time I ever saw it; and it is a pretty good play, many good things being in it – and a good scene of a town on fire. We sat in an upper box, and that jade Nell came and sat in the next box, a bold merry slut, who lay laughing there upon people, and with a comrade of hers of the Duke's House that came in to see the play. Thence home and to the office to do some business; and so home to supper and to bed.

9. Up, and at the office all the morning; and at noon my Lord Brouncker, Mr. Wren, Jos. Williamson, and Capt. Cocke dined with me. And being newly sat down, comes in, by an invitation of Williamson's, the Lieutenant of the Tower – and he brings in with him young Mr. Whore, whose father, of the Tower, I know. And here I had a neat dinner, and all in so good manner and fashion and with so good company and everything to my mind, as I never had more in my life – the company being to my heart's content, and they all well pleased. So continued looking over my books and closet till the evening, and so I to the office and did a good deal of business; and so home to supper and to bed, with my mind mightily pleased with this day's management, as one of the days of my life of fullest content.

10. *Lords day*. Accidentally, talking of our maids before we rose, I said a little word that did give occasion to my wife to fall out, and she did most vexatiously almost all the morning, but ended most perfect good friends; but the thoughts of the unquiet which her ripping up of old faults will give me did make me melancholy all day long. So about noon, past 12, we rose; and to dinner and then to