

my wife at my brother's, where I left her; and to the Opera, where we saw *The Bondman*, which of old we both did so doate on, and do so still; though, to both our thinking, not so well acted here (having too great expectacions) as formerly at Salsbury Court – but for Baterton; he is called by us both the best actor in the world. So home by coach, I lighting by the way at my uncle Wights and stayed there a little, and so home after my wife. And to bed.

9. At the office all the morning. At noon Mr. Davenport, Phillips and Mr. Wm. Bernard and Furbisher came by appointment and dined with me, and we were very merry. After dinner, I to the Wardrobe and there stayed talking with my Lady all the afternoon, till late at night. Among other things, my Lady did mightily urge me to lay out money upon my wife, which I perceived was a little more earnest then ordinary; and so I seemed to be pleased with it and do resolve to bestow a lace upon her – and what with this and other talk, we were exceeding merry. So home at night.

13. By appointment, we all went this morning to wait upon the Duke of Yorke, which we did in his chamber as he was dressing himself in his riding-suit to go this day by sea to the Downes. After we had given him our letter relating the bad condition of the Navy for want of mony, he referred it to his coming back and so parted. And I to Westminster hall and to see *La belle Pearce*; and so on foot to my Lord Crews, where I find him come to his new house, which is next to that he lived in last. Here I was well received by my Lord and Sir Thomas – with whom I had great talk; and he tells me in good earnest that he doth believe the parliament (which comes to sit again the next week) will be troublesome to the Court and Clergy, which God forbid. But they see things carried so by my Lord Chancellor and some others, that get money themselves, that they will not endure it. From thence to the Theatre and there saw *Father's owne Sonn* again. And so it raining very hard, I went home by Coach, with my mind very heavy for this my expensful life; which will undo me I fear, after all my hopes, if I do not take up – for now I am coming to lay out a great deal of money in clothes upon my wife, I must forbear other expenses.

15. At home all the morning. And at noon with my wife to the Wardrobe to dinner; and there did show herself to my Lady in the hankercher that she bought the lace for the other day; and endeed, it