

merry. But above all, a daughter of Mr. Brumfield's, black but well-shaped and modest, did dance very well, which pleased me mightily; and I begun the *Duchesse* with her, but could not do it; but however, I came off well enough and made mighty much of her, kissing and leading her home with her Cosen Anthony and Kate Joyce (Kate being very handsome and well, that is, handsomely dressed today, and I grew mighty kind and familiar with her and kissed her soundly, which she takes very well). To their house and there I left them – having on our way, though 9 a-clock at night, carried them into a puppet-play in Lincolnes Inn fields; where there was the Story of Holofernes and other clockwork, well done. So I walked home, very well contented with this afternoon's work, I thinking it convenient to keep in with the Joyces against a bad day, if I should have occasion to make use of them.

7. Up and to my office a little, and then to Browns for my Measuring Rule, which is made, and is certainly the best and the most commodious for carrying in one's pocket and most useful that ever was made, and myself have the honour of being as it were the inventor of this form of it. After dinner I walked to Deptford and there found Sir W. Penn; and I fell to measuring of some plank that was serving into the yard; which the people took notice of and the measurer himself was amuzed* at, for I did it much more ready then he. And I believe Sir W. Penn would be glad I could have done less, or he more. By and by he went away, and I stayed walking up and down, discoursing with the officers of the yard of several things; and so walked back again, and on my way young Bagwell and his wife waylayd me to desire my favour about getting him a better ship; which I shall pretend to be willing to do for them, but my mind is to know his wife a little better. So home; and my brother John and I up, and I to my Musique and then to discourse with him; and I find him not so thorough a philosopher, at least in Aristotle, as I took him for, he not being able to tell me the definicion of fire nor which of the four Qualitys belonged to each of the four elements. So to prayers and to bed. Among other things, being much satisfyed in my new Rule.

9. *Lords day.* Up; and leaving my brother John to go somewhither else, I to church and heard Mr. Mills (who is lately returned out of the country, and it seems was fetched in by many of the parishioners with great state) preach upon the Authority of the