

not gone by the carrier, I new-sealed them; but my Brother Tom coming, we fell into discourse about my intention to feast the Joyces: I sent for a bit of meat for him from the cook's, and forgot to send my letters this night. So I went to bed and in discourse broke to my wife what my thoughts were concerning my design of getting money by, &c.

13. To my office, where nothing to do. So to Will's with Mr. Pinkny, who invited me to their feast at his Hall the next Monday. Thence I went home and took my wife and dined at Mr. Wade's. And after that we went and visited Catau.¹ From thence home again, and my wife was very unwilling to let me go forth; but with some discontent, would go out if I did; and I going forth towards Whitehall, I saw she fallowed me, and so I stayed and took her round through Whitehall, and so carried her home angry.

14. Nothing to do at our office. I went with my wife and left her at market, and went myself to the Coffee-house and heard exceeding good argument against Mr. Harrington's assertion that overbalance of propriety* was the foundation of government. Home and wrote to Hinchingbrooke, and sent that and my other letters that missed of going on Thursday last. So to bed.

15. Having been exceedingly disturbed in the night with the barking of a dog of one of our neighbours, that I could not sleep for an hour or two, I slept late; and then in the morning took physic, and so stayed within all day. At noon my Brother John came to me, and I corrected as well as I could his Greek speech against the Apposition, though I believe he himself was as well able to do it as myself. After that, we went to read in the great *Officiale* about the blessing of bells in the Church of Rome. After that, my wife and I in pleasant discourse till night that I went to supper, and after that to make an end of this week's notes in this book, and so to bed. It being a cold day and a great snow, my physic did not work so well as it should have done.

16. At noon Harry Ethell came to me and went along with Mr. Maylard by coach as far as Salisbury Court; and there we set him down and we went to the Clerkes,² where we came a little too late;

1. Kate Sterpin.

2. The Parish Clerks' Hall.