

Betimes to bed, my wife also being all this day ill in the same manner. Troubled at my wife's hair coming off so much. This day the Parliament met, and adjourned till Friday, when the King will be with them.

21. With great pleasure very late, new setting all my books; and now I am in as good condition as I desire to be in all wordly respects, the Lord of heaven make me thankful and continue me therein. So to bed. This day I had new stairs of main timber put to my cellar going into the yard.

22. To my closet and had it new washed, and now my house is so clean as I never saw it, or any other house in my life, and everything in as good condition as ever before the fire; but with I believe about 20*l* cost one way or other, besides about 20*l* charge in removing my goods; and do not find that I have lost anything but two little pictures of shipping and sea, and a little gold frame for one of my sea-cards. My glazier, indeed, is so full of work that I cannot get him to come to perfect my house. In the afternoon I paid for the two lighters that carried my goods to Deptford, and they cost me 8*l*.

23. *Sunday*. Up, and after being trimmed, all the morning at the office, with my people about me, till about one a-clock; and then home, and my people with me, and Mr. Wayth; and eat a bit of victuals in my old closet, now my little dining-room, which makes a pretty room; and my house being so clean makes me mightily pleased, but only I do lack Mercer or somebody in the house to sing with. As soon as eat a bit, Mr. Wayth and I by water to Whitehall, and there at Sir G. Carteret's lodgings Sir W. Coventry met, and we did debate the whole business of our account to the Parliament – where it appears to us that the charge of the war, from September 1 1664 to this Michaelmas, will have been but 3200000*l*, and we have paid in that time somewhat about 2200000*l*; so that we owe above 900000*l*: but our method of accounting, though it cannot I believe be far wide from the mark, yet will not abide a strict examination if the Parliament should be troublesome. Here happened a pretty question of Sir W. Coventry, whether this account of ours will not put my Lord Treasurer to a difficulty to tell what is become of all the money the Parliament hath given in this time for the war, which hath amounted to about 4000000*l* – which nobody there could answer; but I perceive they did doubt what his answer could be.