

To dinner, and find Dr. Tho. Pepys at my house. But I was called from dinner, by a note from Mr. Moore, to Ald. Backwells to see some thousands of my Lord's Crusados weighed. And we find that 3000 come to about 530 or 40*l* generally.

7. To the office, where all the morning. And I find Mr. Coventry is resolved to do much good and to inquire into all the miscarriages of the office. At noon with him and Sir W. Batten to dinner at Trinity house – where among others, Sir J. Robinson, Lieutenant of the Tower, was. My mind in great trouble whether I should go as I intended to Hampton Court tomorrow or no. At last, resolved the contrary because of the charge thereof and I am afeared now to bring in any accounts for journys; and so will others I suppose be, because of Mr. Coventry's prying into them. Thence sent for to Sir G. Carterets, and there talked with him a good while. I perceive, as he told me, were it not that Mr. Coventry hath already feathered his nest in selling of places, he doth like him very well and hopes great good from him. But he complains so of lack of money, that my heart is very sad, under the apprehension of the fall of the office.

9. Early up and at the office with Mr. Hater, making my Alphabet of Contracts, upon the dispatch of which I am now very intent, for that I am resolved much to inquire into the price of commodities. Dined at home; and after dinner to my brother's and several other places; among the rest, to Gratorex's and with him and another stranger to the Taverne, but I drunk no wine. He commended Bond, of our end of the towne, to teach me to measure Timber – and some other things that I would learn in order to my office. So home to supper and to bed.

10. At the office all the morning. Much business and great hopes of bringing things, by Mr. Coventry's means, to a good condition in the office. Dined at home, Mr. Hunt with us. To the office again in the afternoon; but not meeting as was intended, I went to my brother's and booksellers and other places about business, and paid off all for books to this day and do not intend to buy any more of any kind a good while – though I had a great mind to have bought the King's *works*, as they are new-printed in folio, and present it to my Lord. But I think it will be best to save the money. So home and to bed.