

and was there at Masse, and was forced in the croud to kneel down; and Masse being done, to the King's head ordinary, whither I sent for Mr. Creed and there we dined; where many parliament-men and most of their talk was about the news from Scotland that the Bishop of Galloway was besieged in his house by some women and had like to have been outraged, but, I know not how, he was secured – which is bad news and looks just as it did in the beginning of the late troubles. From thence they talked of rebellion; and I perceive they make it their great maxime to be sure to Maister the City of London, whatever comes of it or from it. After that, to some other discourse; and among other things, talking of the way of ordinaries, that it is very convenient because a man knows what he hath to pay, one did wish that among many bad, we could learn two good things of France – which were that we would not think it below the gentleman or person of honour at a taverne to bargain for his meat before he eats it; and next, to take no servants without Certificate from some friend or gentleman of his good behaviour and abilities.

12. Up between 4 and 5; and after dressed myself, then to my office to prepare business against the afternoon – where all the morning and dined at noon at home, where a little angry with my wife for minding nothing now but the dancing-maister, having him come twice a day, which is a folly.

15. Up betimes and walked to St. James's; where Mr Coventry being in bed, I walked in the park, discoursing with the keeper of the Pell Mell who was sweeping of it – who told me of what the earth is mixed that doth floor the Mall, and that over all there is Cockle-shells powdered and spread, to keep it fast; which however, in dry weather turns to dust and deads the ball. Thence to Mr. Coventry; and sitting by his bedside, he did tell me that he sent for me to discourse upon my Lord Sandwiches allowances for his several pays, and what his thoughts are concerning his demands; which he could not take the freedom to do face to face, it being not so proper as by me; and did give me a most friendly and ingenious account of all. After done with him about those things, he told me that for Mr. Hater, the Dukes word was, in short, that he found he had a good servant, an Anabaptist; and unless he did carry himself more to the scandall of the office, he would bear with his opinion till he heard further – which doth please me very much. To dinner with