

infinite of new cakes placed, that are made against Whitsuntide; and there we were very merry. By water home and there did businesses of the office. Among others, got my Lord's imprest of 1000*l* and Mr. Creeds of 10000*l* against this voyage, their bills signed. Having writ letters into the country and read something, I went to bed.

2. *Sunday. Whitsunday.* The barber having done with me, I went to church and there heard a good sermon of Mr. Mills, fit for the day. Then home to dinner. And then to church again. And going home, I find Gratorex (whom I expected today at dinner) come to see me. And so he and I in my chamber, drinking of wine and eating of anchovies an hour or two – discoursing of many things in Mathematiques; and among other, he showed me how it comes to pass the strength that Levers have; and he showed me that what is got as to matter of strength is lost by them as to matter of time. It rained very hard (as it hath done of late, so much that we begin to doubt a famine); and so he was forced to stay longer then I desired.

3. To the Wardrobe – where, discoursing with my Lord, he did instruct me as to the business of the wardrobe, in case in his absence Mr. Townsend should die; and told me that he doth intend to joyne me and Mr. Moore with him as to that business, now he is going to sea. And spoke to me many other things, as to one that he doth put the greatest confidence in – of which I am proud. Here I have a good occasion to tell him (what I have had long in my mind) that since it hath pleased God to bless me with something, I am desirous to lay out something for my father, and so have pitched upon Mr. Yong's place in the wardrobe – which I desired he would give order in his absence if the place should fall, that I might have the refusal of – which my Lord did freely promise me. At which I was very glad – he saying that he would do that at the least. So I saw my Lord in the barge going to Whitehall; and I and Mr. Creed home to my house, whither my father and my Cosen Scott came to dine with me. And so we dined together very well, and before we had done, in comes my father Bowyer and my mother¹ and four daughters, and there stayed all the afternoon – which cost me great store of wine and were very merry. By and by I am called to the office, and there stayed a little. So home again and took Mr. Creed and left them; and so he and I to the Tower to speak for some ammunition for ships for

1. Wife of 'father' Bowyer: cf. above, p. 73 (23 August) & n.