

(examples of them all), that are made for the King by Blondeaus way, and compared them with those made for Oliver – the pictures of the latter made by Symons, and of the King by one Rotyr, a German I think, that dined with us also. He extolls these of Rotyrs above the others; and ended, I think they are the better, because the sweeter of the two; but upon my word, those of the Protectors are more like in my mind then the King's – but both very well worth seeing.

10. Dined upon a poor Lenten dinner at home, my wife being vexed at a fray this morning with my Lady Batten about my boy's going thither to turn the water-cock, with their maids leave, but my Lady was mighty high upon it, and she would teach his mistress better manners; which my wife answered aloud, that she might hear, that she could learn little manners of her. After dinner to my office, and then we sat all the afternoon till 8 at night; and so wrote my letters by the post, and so before 9 home, which is rare with me of late, I staying longer; but with multitude of business, my head akes and so I can stay no longer, but home to supper and to bed.

12. Up betimes and to my office all the morning with Capt. Cocke, ending their account of their Riga Contract for Hemp. So home to dinner, my head full of business against the office. After dinner comes my uncle Thomas with a letter to my father, wherein, as we desire, he and his son do order their Tenants to pay their rents to us; which pleases me well. In discourse he tells me my uncle Wight thinks much that I do never see them, and they have reason; but I do apprehend their hav[ing] been too far concerned with my uncle Tho. against us, so that I have had no mind hitherto; but now I will go see them. He being gone, I to the office; where at the choice of Maisters and Chyrurgeons for the fleet now going out, I did my business as I could wish, both for the persons I have a mind to serve and in getting the warrants signed drawn by my clerks, which I was afeared of. Sat late; and having done, I went home; where I find Mary Ashwell come to live with us, of whom I hope well and pray God she may please us – which though it cost me something, yet will give me much content. So to supper and to bed. And find by her discourse and carriage tonight, that she is not proud but will do what she is bid; but for want of being abroad, knows not how to give that respect to her mistress as she will do when she is told it – she having been used only to little children, and there was a kind of a