

29. My heart is much rejoiced and do bless Almighty God that he is pleased to send me so sudden and unexpected a payment of my salary so soon after my great disbursements – so that now I hope I am worth 200*l* again. In a great ease of mind and spirit, I fell about the auditing of Mr. Sheplys last accounts with my Lord, by my Lord's desire. And about that I sat till 12 a-clock at night, till I begun to doate; and so to bed – with my heart praising God for his mercy to us.

30. *Office day.* To the office in the morning, where Sir G. Carter[e]t did give us an account how Mr. Holland doth entend to prevail with the parliament that his project of discharging the seamen all at present by tickett and so to promise interest to all men that will lend money upon them at 8 per cent for so long as they are unpaid – whereby he doth think to take away the growing debt, which doth now lie upon the kingdom for lack of present money to discharge the seamen. But this we are troubled at, as some diminucion to us. I having two barrells of Oysters at home, I caused one of them and some wine to be brought to the inner room in the office, and there the Principal Officers did go and eat them. So we sat till noon; and then to dinner. And to it again in the afternoon till night. At home I sent for Mr. Hater and broke the other barrell with him. And did afterward sit down, discoursing of sea tearmes to learn of him. And he being gone, I went up and sat till 12 at night again to make an end of my Lord's accounts – as I did the last night. Which at last I made a good end of; and so to bed.

## ❖ DECEMBER ❖

1. *Saturday.* This morning, observing some things to be laid up not as they should be by the girl, I took a broom and basted her till she cried extremely, which made me vexed, but before I went out I left her appeased: and so to Whitehall, where I found Mr. Moore attending for me at the Privy Seale. But nothing to do today.

3. This morning I took a resolucion to Rise early in the morning; and so I rose by candle, which I have not done all this winter. And