

me by invitation. After dinner to our business of my Microscope, to be shown some of the observables of that; and then down to my office to look in a dark room with my glasses and Tube, and most excellently things appeared indeed, beyond imagination. This was our work all the afternoon, trying the several glasses and several objects; among others, one of my plats, where the lines appeared so very plain, that it is not possible to think how plain it was done. Thence, satisfied exceedingly with all this, we home, and to discourse many pretty things; and so stayed out the afternoon till it begun to be dark and then they away, and I to Sir W. Batten, where the Lieutenant of the Tower was, and Sir J. Mennes; and the news, I fear, is no more [nor] less then what I had heard before. Only, that our Blue Squadron, it seems, was pursued the most of the time, having more ships, a great many, then its number allotted to her share. Young Seamour is killed, the only captain slain. The *Resolution* burned; but, as they say, most of her [men] and commander saved. This is all; only, we keep the sea; which denotes a victory, or at least that we are not beaten. But no great matters to brag on, God knows. So home to supper and to bed.

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5. *Lords day.* Up, and down to the old Swan; and there called Betty Michell and her husband and had two or three long salutes from her out of sight of su marido, which pleased me mightily. And so carried them by water to Westminster; and I to St. James's and there had a meeting before the Duke of York, complaining of want of money; but nothing done to any purpose, for want we shall; so that now our advices to him signify nothing. Here Sir W. Coventry did acquaint the Duke of York how the world doth discourse of the ill method of our books, and that we would consider how to answer any enquiry which shall be made after our practice therein – which will, I think, concern the Controller most. But I shall make it a memento to myself. Thence walked to the parish church to have one look upon Betty Michell; and so away homeward by water, and landed to go to the church, where I believe Mrs. Horsly goes, by Merchant-Taylor hall. And there I find in the pulpit Elborough, my old schoolfellow and a simple rogue; and yet I find preaching a very good sermon, and in as right a parson-like manner, and in