

Lord Carlingford to the Spanish Embassadors, where I dined the first time – the *Oleo* not so good as Shere's. There was at the table, himself and a Spanish Countess, a good, comely, and witty lady – three fathers – and us. Discourse good and pleasant; and here was an Oxford scholar in a Doctor's of Laws gowne, where the Ambassador lay when the Court was there, to salute him from the college before his return to Spain. This man, though a gentle sort of scholar, yet sat like a fool for want of French or Spanish; but only Latin, which he spoke like a Englishman to one of the fathers. And by and by, he and I to talk and the company very merry at my defending Cambridge against Oxford: and I made much use of my French and Spanish here, to my great content. But the dinner not extraordinary at all, either for quantity or quality. Thence home, where my wife ill of those upon the maid's bed, and troubled at my being abroad. So I to the office, and there till night; and then to her, and she read to me the *Epistle of Cassandra*, which is very good endeed, and the better to her because recommended by Sheres. So to supper, and I to bed.

6. Up and by coach to W. Coventry's; but he gone out, I by water back to the office and there all the morning; then to dinner and then the office again; and anon with my wife by coach to take the ayre, it being a noble day, as far as the greene Man, mightily pleased with our journey and our condition of doing it in our own coach; and so home and to walk in the garden; and so to supper and to bed, my eyes being bad with writing my journall, part of it, tonight.

8. Up, and to the office and there comes Lead to me; and at last my vizards are done, and glasses got to put in and out as I will; and I think I have brought it to the utmost, both for easiness of using and benefit, that I can; and so I paid him 15s. for what he hath done now last in the finishing them, and they, I hope, will do me a great deal of ease. At the office all the morning; and this day the first time did alter my side of the table, after above eight years sitting on that next the fire. But now I am not able to bear the light of the windows in my eyes, I do go there; and I did sit with much more content then I had done on the other side for a great while, and in winter the fire will not trouble my back. At noon home to dinner; and after dinner, all the afternoon within with Mr. Hater, Gibson, and W. Hewer, reading over and drawing up new things in the instructions of commanders; which will be good, and I hope to get them