

21. Up; and after sending my wife to my aunt Wight's to get a place to see Turner¹ hanged, I to the office, where we sat all the morning. And at noon, going to the Change and seeing people flock in that, I enquired and found that Turner was not yet hanged; and so I went among them to Leadenhall street at the end of Lyme street, near where the robbery was done, and to St. Mary Axe, where he lived; and there I got for a shilling to stand upon the wheel of a Cart, in great pain, above an hour before the execution was done – he delaying the time by long discourses and prayers one after another, in hopes of a reprieve; but none came, and at last was flung off the lather in his cloak. A comely-looked man he was, and kept his countenance to the end – I was sorry to see him. It was believed there was at least 12 or 14000 people in the street.

22. Up; and it being a brave morning, by water with a galley to Woolwich and there, both at the ropeyard and the other yard, did much business; and thence to Greenwich to see Mr. Pett and others value the Carved work of the *Henrietta* (God knows in an ill manner for the King); and so to Deptford and there viewed Sir W. Petty's vessel, which hath an odd appearance but not such as people do make of it, for I am of the opinion that he would never have discoursed so much of it if it were not better then other vessels, and so I believe that he was abused the other day, as he is now, by tongues that I am sure speak before they know anything good or bad of her. I am sorry to find his ingenuity discouraged so. So home, reading all the way a good book; and so home to dinner, and after dinner a lesson on the globes to my wife; and so to my office, where till 10 or 11 a-clock at night; and so home to supper and to bed.

23. Up and to the office, where we sat all the morning. At noon home to dinner, where Hawly came to see us and dined with us. And after we had dined came Mr. Mallard; and after he had eat something, I brought down my vyall, which he played on – the first Maister that ever touched her yet, and she proves very well and will be, I think, an admirable instrument. He played some very fine things of his own, but I was afeared to enter too far in their commendation for fear he should offer to copy them for me out, and so I be forced to give or lend him something. So to the office in

1. Convicted of the robbery described above, p. 342 (8 January).