

entertainment good – but only, after dinner to the tryall of some experiments about making of coaches easy. And several we tried, but one did prove mighty easy (not here for me to describe, but the whole body of that coach lies upon one long spring) and we all, one after another, rid in it; and it is very fine and likely to take. These experiments were the intent of their coming, and pretty they are. Thence back by coach to Greenwich and in his pleasure-boat to Deptford; and there stopped, and in to Mr. Evelings, which is a most beautiful place,¹ but it being dark and late, I stayed not; but Dean Wilkins and Mr. Hooke and I walked to Redriffe, and noble discourse all day long did please me. And it being late, did take them to my house to drink, and did give them some sweetmeats – and thence sent them with a lanthorn home – two worthy persons as are in England, I think, or the world. So to my Lady Batten, where my wife is tonight; and so after some merry talk, home to bed.

3. Up betimes, and walked to Sir Ph. Warwickses, where a long time with him in his chamber alone, talking of Sir G. Carteret's business and the abuses he puts on the nation by his bad payments – to both our vexations; but no hope of remedy for aught I see. So to the Change and thence home to dinner; and so out to Gresham College and saw a cat killed with the Duke of Florence's poison. And saw it proved that the oyle of Tobacco, drawn by one of the Society, doth the same effect, and is judged to be the same thing with the poison, both in colour and smell and effect. (I saw also an abortive child, preserved fresh in spirit of salt). Thence parted, and to Whitehall to the council chamber about an order touching the Navy (our being impowered to commit seamen or maisters that do not, being hired or pressed, fallow their work), but they could give us none. So, a little vexed at that, because I put in the memorial to the Duke of Albemarle alone, under my own hand – home; and after some time at the office, home to bed.

5. Up betimes, and by water to Westminster, there to speak the first time with Sir Robt. Long, to give him my privy seal and my Lord Treasurers order for Tanger Tallys. He received me kindly enough. Thence home by water; and presently down to Woolwige and back to Blackewall, and there viewed the Breach, in order to a

1. Sayes Court, Deptford.