

put out all other things out of my thoughts.

11. Up; and all day, both forenoon and afternoon, at my office, to see it finished by the Joyner and washed and everything in order; and endeed, now my closet is very convenient and pleasant for me. My uncle Wight came to me to my office this afternoon and from me went to my house to see my wife; and strange to think that my wife should by and by send for me after he was gone, to tell me that he should begin discourse of her want of children and his also, and how he thought it would be best for him and her to have one between them, and he would give her 500l either in money or jewell beforehand and make the child his heyre. He commended her body and discoursed that for all he knew the thing was lawful. She says she did give him a very warm answer, such as he did not excuse himself by saying that he said this in jest but told her that since he saw what her mind was, he would say no more to her of it, and desired her to make no words of it. It seemed he did say all this in a kind of counterfeit laugh; but by all words that passed, which I cannot now so well set down, it is plain to me that he was in good earnest, and that I fear all his kindness is but only his lust to her. What to think of it of a sudden I know not, but I think not to take notice yet of it to him till I have thought better of it. So, with my mind and head a little troubled, I received a letter from Mr. Coventry about a mast for the Dukes Yacht; which, with other business, makes me resolve to go betimes to Woolwich tomorrow. So to supper and to bed.

13. Up before 3 a-clock; and a little after upon the water, it being very light as at noon and a bright sun rising; but by and by a rainbow appeared, the first that ever in a morning I saw, and then it fell a-raining a little but held up again; and I to Woolwich, where before all the men came to work, I with Mr. Deane spent two hours upon the new ship,¹ informing myself in the names and natures of many parts of her, to my great content, and so back again without doing anything else; and after shifting myself, away to Westminster. In the painted chamber I heard a fine conference between the sum of the two Houses upon the bill for conventicles. The Lords would be freed from having their houses searched by any but the Lord-Lieutenant of the county. And upon being found guilty, to be

i. *The Royal Catherine*, a 2nd-rate.