

the number of Knights and Burges's were alway the same; and he says that the latter were not, but that for aught he can find, they were sent up at the discretion, at first, of the Sheriffes, to whom the writs are sent to send up generally the Burges's and Cittizens of their county; and he doth find that heretofore, that Parliament-men being paid by the country,* several Burroughs have complained of the Sheriffes putting them to the charge of sending up Burges's; which is a very extraordinary thing to me that knew not this but thought that the number had been known, and always the same. Thence home to the office, and so with my Lord Brouncker and his mistress, Williams, to Capt. Cocke's to dinner, where was Temple and Mr. Porter – and a very good dinner, and merry. Thence with Lord Brouncker to Whitehall to [the] Commissioners of Treasury, at their sending for us to discourse about the paying of tickets; and so away, and I by coach to the Change and there took up my wife and Mercer and the girl by agreement; and so home, and there with Mercer to teach her more of *It is decreed*, and to sing other songs and talk all the evening; and so after supper, I to even my Journall since Saturday last, and so to bed.

10. This day I received a letter from my father and another from my Cosen Roger Pepys, who have had a view of Jackson's evidences of his estate and do mightily like of the man and his condition and estate, and do advise me to accept of the match for my sister and to finish it as soon as I can; and he doth it so as I confess I am contented to have it done, and so give her her portion; and so I shall be eased of one care how to provide for her. And do in many respects think that it may be a match proper enough to have her married there, and to one that may look after my concernments if my father should die and I continue where I am. And there[fore] I am well pleased with it. And so to bed.

11. Lay some time talking with my wife in bed about Pall's business, and she doth conclude to have her married here and to be merry at it; and to have W. Hewer and Batelier, and Mercer and Willet bridemen and bridemaids, and to be very merry; and so I am glad of it and do resolve to let it be done as soon as I can. So up and to the office, where all the morning busy; and thence home to dinner, and from dinner with Mercer (who dined with us) and wife and Deb to the King's House, there to see *The Wildgoose chase*, which I never saw but have long longed to see, it being a famous