

did take notice of her as my wife, and did seem to have a great esteem for her); and did myself walk homewards (hearing that Sir W. Pen was gone before in a coach) to overtake him. To Sir W. Batten's to dinner, he having a couple of servants married today; and so there was a great number of Merchants and others of good Quality, on purpose after dinner to make an offering, which when dinner was done, we did; and I did give 10s. and no more, though I believe most of the rest did give more and did believe that I did so too.

16. Up earely to my father's, where by appointment Mr. Moore came to me; and he and I to the Temple, and thence to Westminster hall to speak with Mr. Wm. Mountagu about his looking upon the title of those lands which I do take as Security for 3000*l* of my Lord's money.¹ That being done, Mr. Moore and I parted; and in the Hall I met with Mr. Fontleroy (my old acquaintance, whom I have not seen in a long time) and he and I to the Swan; and in discourse he seems to be wise and say little, though I know things are changed against his mind. Thence home by water, where my father, Mr. Snow and Mr. Moore did dine with me. After dinner Mr. Snow and I went up together to discourse about the putting out of 80*l* to a man which lacks the money and would give me 15*l* per annum for eight years for it – which I did not think profit enough; and so he seemed to be disappointed by my refusal of it. But I would not now part with my money easily.

18. *Lords day.* In the morning to our own church, where Mr. Powell (a crooke legged man that went formerly with me to Pauls schoole) preached a good sermon. In the afternoon too to our own church and my wife with me (the first time that she and my Lady Battin came to sit in our new pew); and after sermon my Lady took us home and there we supped with her and Sir W. Batten and Pen and were much made of – the first time that ever my wife was there. So home and to bed.

19. *office day.* After we have done a little at the office this morning, I went along with the Treasurer in his Coach to Whitehall. And in our way, in discourse do find him a very good-natured man. And talking of those men who now stand condemned for murdering the

1. See above, p. 92 (7 November).