

keep me to my duty. To my office. And anon one tells me that Rundall the house-carpenter of Deptford hath sent me a fine Blackebird – which I went to see. He tells me he was offered 20s. for him as he came along, he doth so whistle. So to my office, and busy all the morning. Among other things, learning to understand the course of the tides, and I think I do now do it. At noon Mr. Creede comes to me, and he and I to the Exchange, where I had much discourse with several merchants; and so home with him to dinner and then by water to Greenwich; and calling at the little alehouse at the end of the town to wrap a rag about my little left toe, being new-sore with walking, we walked pleasantly to Woolwich, in our way hearing the Nightingales sing. So to Woolwich yard; and after doing many things there, among others preparing myself for a dispute against Sir W. Penn in the business of Bewpers, wherein he is guilty of some corruption to the King's wrong, we walked back again without drinking there; which I never do, because I would not make my coming troublesome to any, nor would become obliged too much to any. Going back, took boat at Greenwich and to Deptford, where I did the same thing and find Davis, the Storekeeper, a knave and shuffling in the business of Bewpers, being of the party with Young and Whistler to abuse the King; but I hope I shall be even with them. So walked to Redriffe, drinking at the Halfway house; and so walk and by water to Whitehall, all our way by water, both coming and going, reading a little book said to be writ by a person of Quality concerning English Gentry to be preferred before Titular honours; but the most silly nonsense, no sense nor grammar, yet in as good words that ever I saw in all my life, that from beginning to end you meet not with one entire and regular sentence.

23. Waked this morning between 4 and 5 by my black-Bird, which whistles as well as ever I heard any; only it is the beginning of many tunes very well, but there leaves them and goes no further. So up and to my office, where we sat. Home to dinner; and after dinner by water to the temple and there took my Lyra viall book, bound up with blank paper for new lessons. Thence to Greatorex's; and there, seeing Sir J. Mennes and Sir W. Penn go by by coach, I went in to them and to Whitehall, where, in the matted gallery, Mr. Coventry was; who told us how the parliament hath required of Sir G. Carteret and him an account what money shall be necessary to be settled upon the Navy for the ordinary charge, which they intend to