

I dream of her more then usual, though I cannot deny that my thoughts waking do run now and then, against my will and judgment, upon her, for that only is wanting to undo me, being now in every other thing as to my mind most happy – and may still be so but for my own fault, if I be ketched loving anybody but my wife again. So up and to the office; and at noon to dinner and thence to office, where late, mighty busy and despatching much business, settling papers in my own office; and so home to supper and to bed. No news stirring but that my Lord of Ormond is likely to go to Ireland again, which doth show that the Duke of Buckingham doth not rule all so absolutely – and that, however, we shall speedily have more changes in the Navy. And it is certain that the non-conformists do now preach openly in houses in many places, and among others, the house that was heretofore Sir G. Carteret's in Leadenhall street, and have ready access to the King. And now the great dispute is whether this Parliament or another; and my great design, if I continue in the Navy, is to get myself to be a Parliament-man.

6. *Lords day.* Up, and with my wife to church; which pleases me mightily, I being full of fear that she would never go to church again after she had declared to me that she was a Roman Catholique. But though I do verily think she fears God, and is truly and sincerely virtuous, yet I do see she is not so strictly so a Catholique as not to go to church with me; which pleases me mightily. Here Mills made a lazy sermon upon Moses's meekenesse; and so home, and my wife and I alone to dinner; and then she to read a little book concerning Speech in general, a translation late out of French, a most excellent piece as ever I read, proving a soul in man and all the ways and secrets by which Nature teaches speech in man – which doth please me most infinitely to read. By and by my wife to church, and I to my office to complete my journall for the last three days; and so home to my chamber to settle some papers, and so to spend the evening with my wife and W. Hewer, talking over the business of the office, and perticularly my own office, how I will make it; and it will become in a little time an office of ease, and not slavery, as it hath for so many years been. So to supper and to bed.

7. This afternoon, passing through Queen's street, I saw pass by our coach on foot, Deb; which God forgive me, did put me into some new thoughts of her and for her, but durst not show them;