

Nan, which pleases me mightily; and having saluted her again and again, away home and to bed – apres ayant tocado les mamelles de Mercer, que eran ouverts, con grand plaisir. So to bed. In all my riding in the coach, and intervals, my mind hath been full these three weeks of setting to music *It is decreed &c.*

19. Lay long in bed; so to the office, where all the morning. At noon dined with Sir W. Warren at the Pope's head. So back to the office, and there met with the Comissioners of the Ordnance, where Sir W. Pen, being almost drunk, vexed me, and the more because Mr. Chichly observed it with me – and it was a disparagement to the office. They gone, I to my office. Anon comes home my wife from Brampton – not looked for till Saturday; which will hinder me of a little pleasure, but I am glad of her coming. She tells me Palls business with Ensum is like to go on; but I must give, and she consents to it, another 100*l*. She says she doubts my father is in want of money, for rents come in mighty slowly. My mother grows very impatient and troublesome, and my father mighty infirm, through his old distemper – which all together makes me mighty thoughtful. Having heard all this, and bid her welcome, I to the office, where late; and so home, and after a little more talk with my wife, she to bed and I after her.

20. Up, and after an hour or two's talk with my poor wife, who gives me more and more content every day then other, I abroad by coach to Westminster; and there met with Mrs. Martin, and she and I over the water to Stangate; and after a walk in the fields, to the King's head and there spent an hour or two with pleasure with her, and eat a tansy and so parted. And I to the New Exchange, there to get a list of all the modern plays – which I entend to collect and to have them bound up together. Thence to Mr. Hales; and there, though against his perticular mind, I had my landskip done out, and only a heaven made in the room of it; which though it doth not please me thoroughly now it is done, yet it will do better then as it was before.

21. Up betimes and to the office, there to prepare some things against the afternoon, for discourse about the business of the pursers and settling the pursers' matters of the fleet according to my proposition. By and by the office sat; and they being up, I continued at the office to finish my matters against the meeting before the