

lives. So homeward and stopped again at Capt. Allen's and there light, and sent the coach and Gibson home and I and Cony stayed; and there comes to us Mrs. Jowles, who is a very fine proper lady as most I know, and well dressed. Here was also a gentleman, one Maj. Manly, and his wife, neighbours; and here we stayed and drank and talked, and set Cony and him to play while Mrs. Jowles and I to talk, and there had all our old stories up; and there I had the liberty to salute her often and pull off her glove, where her hand mighty moist; and she mighty free in kindness to me, and yo do not at all doubt but I might have had todo that yo would have desired de ella had I had time to have carried her to Cobham; as she, upon my proposing it, was willing to go, for ella is a whore, that is certain, but a very brave and comely one. Here was a pretty cousin of hers came in to supper also, of a great fortune, daughter-in-law to this Manly; mighty pretty, but had now such a cold, she could not speak.

Here mightily pleased with Mrs. Jowles, and did get her to the street-door in the dark, and there toca su breasts and besar her without any force, and creo that I might have hecho algo else; but it was not time nor place. Here stayed till almost 12 at night; and then with a lanthorn from thence walked over the fields, as dark as pitch, and mighty cold and snow, to Chatham, and Mr. Cony with great kindness with me; and there all in bed before I came home, and so I presently to bed.

25. Up, and by and by, about 8 a-clock, comes Rere-Adm. Kempthorne and seven captains more by the Duke of York's order, as we expected, to hold the Court Martiall about the loss of the *Defiance*; and so presently, we by boat to the *Charles*, which lies over against Upnor Castle, and there we fell to the business; and there I did manage the business, the Duke of York having by special order directed them to take the assistance of Commissioner Middleton and me, forasmuch as there might be need of advice in what relates to the government of the ship in Harbour; and so I did lay the law open to them, and rattle the Maister-Attendants out of their wits almost, and I made the trial last till 7 at night, not eating a bit all the day; only, when we had done examination and I given my thoughts that the neglect of the gunner of the ship was as great as I thought any neglect could be, which might by the law deserve death, but Commissioner Middleton did declare that he was against giving the sentence of death, we withdrew, as not being of the