

Cocke; so I left my wife, having a mind to some discourse with him, and dined with him. He tells me of new difficulties about his goods, which troubles me and I fear they will be great. He tells me too, what I hear everywhere, how the town talks of my Lord Craven being to come into Sir G. Carteret's place; but sure it cannot be true. But I do fear those two families, his and my Lord Sandwiches, are quite broken – and I must now stand upon my own legs. Thence to my lodging; and considering how I am hindered by company there to do anything among my papers, I did resolve to go away today, rather than stay to no purpose till tomorrow; and so got all my things packed up – and spent half an hour with W. How about his papers of accounts for contingencies and my Lord's accounts, and so took leave of my landlady and daughters, having paid dear for what time I have spent there; but yet, having been quiet and in health, I am very well contented therewith. So with my wife and Mercer took boat, and away home. But in the evening, before I went, comes Mrs. Knipp just to speak with me privately, to excuse her not coming to me yesterday, complaining how like a devil her husband treats her, but will be with us in town a week hence; and so I kissed her and parted. Being come home, my wife and I to look over our house, and consider laying out a little money to hang our bedchamber better than it is; and so resolved to go and buy something tomorrow; and so after supper, with great joy in my heart for my coming once again hither, to bed.

8. Up, and my wife and I by coach to Bennetts in Paternoster row (few shops there being yet open), and there bought velvett for a coat and Camelott for a cloak for myself. And thence to a place to look over some fine counterfeit damasks to hang my wife's closet, and pitched upon one. And so by coach home again, I calling at the Change; and so home to dinner, and all the afternoon look after my papers at home and my office against tomorrow; and so after supper, and considering the uselessness of laying out so much money upon my wife's closet, but only the chamber – to bed.

9. Up, and then to the office, where we met first since the plague, which God preserve us in. At noon home to dinner, where Uncle Tho. with me, and in comes Pierce, lately come from Oxford, and Ferrers. After dinner Pierce and I up to my chamber, where he tells me how a great difference hath been between the Duke and Duchesse, he suspecting her to be naught with Mr. Sidney – but