

4. Up and to the office, where after a while setting, I left the board upon pretence of serious business and by coach to Paul's schoole, where I heard some good speeches of the boys that were to be elected this year. Thence by and by with Mr. Pullen and Banes (a great nonconformist) with several other of my old acquaintance to the Nags head tavern and there did give them a bottle of sack; and away again and I to the school and up to hear the upper form examined; and there was kept by very many of the Mercers, Clutterbucke, Barker, Harrington, and others, and with great respect used by them all and had a noble dinner. Here they tell me that in Dr. Colett's Will he says that he would have a master found for the school that hath good skill in Latin and (if it could be) one that had some knowledge of the Greeke; so little was Greek known here at that time. Dr. Wilkins and one Mr. Smallwood, posers. After great pleasure there, and especially to [hear] Mr. Crumlum so often to tell of my being a benefactor to the school – I to my booksellers and there spent an hour looking over *Theatrum Urbium* and *Flandria illustrata*, with excellent cuts, with great content. So homewards and called at my little Millener's, where I chatted with her, her husband out of the way, and a mad merry soul she is. So home to the office; and by and by comes my wife home from the burial of Capt. Groves wife at Wapping (she telling me a story how her maid Jane, going into the boat, did fall down and show her arse in the boat) and all; and comes my Uncle Wight and Mr. Maes with the state of their case, which he told me very discreetly and I believe is a very hard one. And so after drinking a bottle of ale or two, they gone and I a little more to the office; and so home to prayers and to bed.

5. Up; and down by water, a brave morning, to Woolwich and there spent an hour or two to good purpose; and so walked to Greenwich and thence to Deptford, where I find (with Sir W. Batten upon the survey) Sir J. Mennes, Sir W. Penn and my Lady Batten come down and going to dinner. I dined with them, and so after dinner by water home, all the way going and coming reading *Faber fortunæ*, which I can never read too often. At home a while with my wife; and so to my office, where till 8 a-clock, and then home to look after some Brampton papers and perticularly those of my uncles accounts as Generall-Receiver of the county for the year 1647 of our Monthly Assesment; which, contrary to my expectation, I found in such good order and so thoroughly that I did