

was not a little proud of. Thence by Barge along with my Lord to Blackefryers, where he landed; and I thence walked home, where vexed to find my boy (whom I boxed at his coming for it) and Will abroad, though he was but upon tower hill a very little while. My head akeing with the healths I was forced to drink today, I sent for the barber; and he having done, I up to my wife's closet and there played on my viallin a good while; and without supper, anon to bed – sad for want of my wife, whom I love with all my heart, though of late she hath given me some troubled thoughts.

21. *Lords day.* Up betimes and fell to reading my Latin grammer, which I perceive I have great need of, having lately found it by my calling Will to the reading of a Chapter in Latin; and I am resolved to go through it. After being trimmed, I by water to Whitehall and so over the parke, it raining hard, to Mr. Coventrys chamber – where I spent two hours, talking with him about businesses of the Navy and how by his absence things are like to go with us; and with good content from my being with him, he carried me by coach and set me down at Whitehall, and thence to rights home by water. He showed me a list which he hath prepared for the parliament's viewe if the business of his selling of offices should be brought to further hearing, wherein he reckons up, as I remember, 236 offices of ships which have been disposed of without his taking one farthing. This, of his own accord, he opened his Cabinett on purpose to show me; meaning, I suppose, that I should discourse abroad of it and vindicate him therein; which I shall with all my power do. At home, being wet, shifting my band and things and then to dinner; and after dinner went up and tried a little upon my Tryangle, which I understand fully and with a little use I believe could bring myself to do something. So to church and slept all the sermon, the Scott, to whose voice I am not to be reconciled, preaching.

22. Up betimes and to my office, reading over all our letters of the office that we have writ since I came into the Navy – whereby to bring the whole series of matters into my memory and to enter in my manuscript some of them that are needful and of general influence. By and by with Sir Wm. Batten by coach to Westminster, where I walked in the hall from one man to another. Hear that the House is still divided about the manner of levying the Subsidys which they entend to give the King, both as to the manner, the time, and the number. Thence with Creed and bought a Lobster,