

safety of carrying them in ships. We concluded nothing, but shall discourse with the Duke of Yorke tomorrow about it. Then to my lute, upon which I have not played a week or two; and trying over the two songs of *Nulla nulla*, &c and *Gaze not on Swans*, which Mr. Berchinsha set for me a little while ago, I find them most incomparable songs as he hath set them – of which I am not a little proud, because I am sure none in the world hath them but myself, not so much as he himself that set them. So to bed.

15. With Sir G. Carteret and both the Sir Wms at Whitehall to wait on the Duke in his chamber, which we did, about getting money for the navy – and other things. So back again to the office all the morning. Then to the Exchange to hire a ship for the Maderas, but could get none. Then home to dinner, and Sir G. Carteret and I all the afternoon by ourselves upon business in the office, till late at night: so to write letters and home to bed.

18. All the morning at the office with Sir W. Pen. Dined at home, and Luellin and Blurton with me. After dinner to the office again, where Sir George Carteret and we stayed awhile, and then Sir W. Pen and I on board some of the ships now fitting for East Indys and Portugall, to see in what forwardness they are. And so back home again.

19. All the morning and afternoon at my office, putting things in order. And in the evening I do begin to digest my uncle the Captain's papers into one book, which I call my *Brampton booke*, for my clearer understanding things how they are with us.

21. With Sir W. Batten by water to Whitehall, and he to Westminster. I went to see Sarah and my Lord's Lodgeings, which are now all in dirt, to be repaired against my Lord's coming from sea with the Queene. Thence to Westminster hall and there walked up and down and heard the great difference that hath been between my Lord Chancellor and my Lord of Bristoll, about a proviso that my Lord Chancellor would have brought into the bill for Conformity, that it shall be in the power of the King, when he sees fit, to dispencc with the act of Conformity. And though it be carried in the House of Lords, yet it is believed it will hardly pass in the Commons.