



★ JANUARY ★

1. *Lords day.* Lay long in bed, having been busy late last night. Then up and to my office, where upon ordering my accounts and papers with respect to my understanding my last year's gains and expense. Now this day, I am dividing my expense, to see what my clothes and every particular hath stood me in; I mean, all the branches of my expense. At noon, a good venison pasty and a turkey to ourselfs, without anybody so much as invited by us – a thing unusual for so small a family of my condition – but we did it and were very merry. After dinner to my office again, where very late alone upon my accounts, but have not brought them to order yet; and very intricate I find it, notwithstanding my care all the year to keep things in as good method as any man can do. Past 11 a-clock, home to supper and to bed.

2. Up, and it being a most fine hard frost, I walked a good way toward Whitehall; and then being overtaken with Sir W. Penn's coach, went into it, and with him thither and there did our usual business with the Duke. Thence, being forced to pay a great deal of money away in boxes (that is, basons at Whitehall), I to my barbers, Gervas's, and there had a little opportunity of speaking with my Jane alone, and did give her something. Thence to the Swan, and there did sport a good while with Herbert's young kinswoman without hurt though, they being abroad, the old people. Then to the hall, and there agreed with Mrs. Martin, and to her lodgings which she hath now taken to lie in, in Bowe streete – pitiful poor things, yet she thinks them pretty; and so they are for her condition I believe, good enough. Here I did ce que je voudrais avec her most freely; and it having cost me 2s. in wine and cake upon her, I away, sick of her impudence – and by coach to my Lord Brunkers by appointment, in the piazza in Covent Guarding – where I occasioned much mirth with a ballet I brought with me, made from the seamen at sea to their ladies in town – saying Sir W. Penn, Sir G.