

Mr. Widdrington of Christ's College in Cambrige, wherein he doth express very great kindness for my brother, and my father entends that my brother shall go to him. This day I began to put on buckles to my shoes, which I had bought yesterday of Mr. Wotton.

23. To my office and there did nothing but make up my balance. Came home and found my wife dressing of the girl's head, by which she was made to look very pretty. I went out and paid Wilkinson what I did owe him, and brought a piece of beef home for dinner. Thence I went out and paid Waters the Vintner, and went to see Mrs. Jem, where I found my Lady Wright; but Scott was so drunk that he would not be seen. Here I stayed and made up Mrs. Anns bills and played a game or two at cards; and thence to Westminster hall, it being very dark. I pay Mrs. Michell my bookseller, and back to Whitehall, and in the garden, going through to the Stone Gallery, I fell in a ditch, it being very dark. At the Clerks' chamber I met with Simons and Luellin and went with them to Mr. Mounts chamber at the Cockpit, where we had some rare pot venison and Ale to abundance till almost 12 at night; and after a song round, we went home.

24. In the morning to my office; where after I had drank my morning draught at Will's with Ethell and Mr. Stevens, I went and told part of the excise money till 12 a-clock. And then called on my wife and took her to Mr. Pierce's, she in the way being exceedingly troubled with a pair of new pattens, and I vexed to go so slow, it being late. There when we came, we found Mrs. Carrick very fine, and one Mr. Lucy, who called one another husband and wife; and after dinner, a great deal of mad stir; there was pulling off Mrs. Bride's and Mr. Bridegroom's ribbons, with a great deal of fooling among them that I and my wife did not like; Mr. Lucy and several other gentlemen coming in after dinner, swearing and singing as if they were mad; only, he singing very handsomely.

25. Called up early to Mr. Downing; he gave me a Character,* such a one as my Lord's, to make perfect. And likewise gave me his order for 500*l*: to carry to Mr. Frost; which I did, and so to my office. Where I did do something about the character till 12 a-clock. Then home and found my wife and the maid at my Lord's, getting things ready against tomorrow.