

mind at pretty good ease, being entered upon minding my business; and so to bed.

11. Up, being troubled at my being found abed a-days by all sorts of people – I having got a trick of sitting up later then I need, never supping, or very seldom, before 12 at night. Then to the office; there busy all the morning; and among other things, comes Sir W. Warren and talked with me a good while; whose discourse I love, he being a very wise man and full of good counsel, and his own practices for wisdom much to be observed. And among other things, he tells me how he is fallen in with my Lord Brouncker, who hath promised him most particular inward friendship, and yet not to appear at the board to do so. And he told me how my Lord Brouncker should take notice of the two flagons he saw at my house at dinner at my late feast, and merrily (yet I know enviously) said I could not come honestly by them. This I am glad to hear, though vexed to see his ignoble soul. But I shall beware of him; and yet it is fit he should see I am no mean fellow but can live in the world and have something. At noon home to dinner; and then to the office with my people and very busy, and did despatch to my great satisfaction abundance of business, and do resolve by the grace of God to stick to it till I have cleared my hand of most things wherein I am in arrear in public and private matters. At night home to supper and to bed. This day, ill news of my father's being very ill of his old grief, the Rupture, which troubles me.

16. Up, and by coach to Whitehall – and there to the Duke of York as usual. Here Sir W. Coventry came to me aside in the Duke's chamber, to tell that he had not answered part of a late letter of mine, because *littera Scripta manet* – about his leaving the office – he tells me because he finds that his business at Court will not permit him to attend it; and then he confesses that he seldom of late could come from it with satisfaction, and there[fore] would not take the King's money for nothing. I professed my sorrow for it, and prayed the continuance of his favour; which he promised. I do believe he hath done like a very wise man in reference to himself; but I doubt it will prove ill for the King and for the office. Prince Rupert, I hear today, is very ill – yesterday given over, but better today. This day before the Duke of York, the business of the Mustermaisters was reported, and Balty found the best of the whole number, so as the Duke enquired who he was and whether