

officers of the Navy have waited upon him since the Duke of York's going, who hath deputed him to be Admirall in his absence. And I find him a quiet, heavy man, that will help business when he can and hinder nothing – and am very well pleased with our attendance on him.

✧ APRILL ✧

1. With Sir G. Carteret to my Lord Treasurers, and by and by comes Sir W. Batten and Sir J. Mennes and anon we come to my Lord and there did lay open the expense for the six months past, and an estimate of the seven months to come, to November next – the first arising to above 500000*l*; and the latter will, as we judge, come to above a Million. But to see how my Lord Treasurer did bless himself, crying he could do no more then he could, nor give more money then he had, if the occasion and expense were never so great, which is but a sad story; and then to hear how like a passionate and ignorant asse Sir G. Carteret did harangue upon the abuse of Tickets, did make me mad almost, and yet was fain to hold my tongue. Thence home, vexed mightily to see how simply our greatest ministers do content themselves to understand and do things, while the King's service in the meantime lies a-bleeding. At my office late, writing letters, till ready to drop down asleep with my late sitting up late and running up and down a-days. So to bed.

2. *Lords day*. At my office all the morning, renewing my vows in writing. And then home to dinner. All the afternoon Mr. Tasborough, one of Mr. Povy's clerks, with me about his maister's accounts; in the evening Mr. Andrews and Hill sung – but supped not with me. Then after supper to bed.

3. Up, and to the Duke of Albemarle and Whitehall, where much business; thence home and to dinner; and then with Creed, my wife, and Mercer to a play at the Dukes of my Lord Orerey's, called *Mustapha* – which being not good, made Baterton's part and Ianthes but ordinary too, so that we were not contented with it at all. Thence home and to the office a while; and then home to supper and to bed. All the pleasure of the play was, the King and my Lady