

almost in my house. We sat all the morning. And in the afternoon I got many jobbs done to my mind, and my wife's chamber put into a good readiness against her coming – which she did at night, for Will did, by my leave to go, meet her upon the road and at night did bring me word she was come to my brother's by my order. So I made myself ready and put things at home in order, and so went thither to her. Being come, I find her and her maid and dog very well – and herself grown a little fatter then she was. I was very well pleased to see her; and after supper, to bed and had her company with great content – and much mutual love. Only, I do perceive that there hath been fallings-out between my mother and she, and a little between my father and she; but I hope all is well again. And I perceive she likes Brampton house and seat better then ever I did myself. And tells me how my Lord hath drawn a plot of some alterations to be made there, and hath brought it up, which I saw and like well. I perceive my Lord and Lady have been very kind to her. And Capt. Ferrers, so kind that I perceive [I] have some jealousy of him; but I know what is the Captain's manner of carriage, and therefore it is nothing to me.

29. *Michaelmas day*. This day my oaths for drinking of wine and going to plays are out, and so I do resolve to take a liberty today and then to fall to them again. Up and by coach to Whitehall, in my way taking up Mr. Moore and walked with him, talking a good while about business in St. James's parke. And there left him and to Mr. Coventry's, and so with him and Sir W. Penn up to the Duke; where the King came also and stayed till the Duke was ready. To Toms, and there taking up my wife, maid, dog and him, did carry them home – where my wife is much pleased with my house, and so am I fully. I sent for some dinner and there dined (Mrs. Margt Pen being by, to whom I had spoke to go along with us to a play this afternoon) and then to the King's Theatre, where we saw *Midsommers nights dreame*, which I have never seen before, nor shall ever again, for it is the most insipid ridiculous play that ever I saw in my life. I saw, I confess, some good dancing and some handsome women, which was all my pleasure.

30. Strange to see how easily my mind doth revert to its former practice of loving plays and wine, having given myself a liberty to them both these two days; but this night I have again bound myself to Christmas next, in which I desire God to bless me and preserve