

church again, where a simple bawling young Scott preached. So home to my office alone till dark, reading some part of my old *Navy precedents*, and so home to supper. And after some pleasant talk, my wife, Ashwell and I – to prayers and to bed.

7. Up very betimes; and angry with Will that he made no more haste to rise after I called him. So to my office and all the morning there. At noon to the Exchange and so home to dinner, where I find my wife hath been with Ashwell at La Roches to have her tooth drawn, which it seems akes much. But my wife could not get her to be contented to have it drawn after the first twich, but would let it alone; and so they came home with it undone, which made my wife and me good sport. After dinner to the office, where Sir J. Mennes did make a great complaint to me alone, how my clerk Mr. Hater had entered in one of the Seabookes a ticket to have been signed by him before it had been examined; which makes the old foole mad almost, though there was upon enquiry the greatest reason in the world for it – which though it vexes me, yet it is most [plain] to see from day to day what a coxcomb he is, and that so great a trust should lie in the hands of such a foole. We sat all the afternoon; and I late at my office, it being post night; and so home to supper. And after supper to bed; and after some talk, to sleep.

14. Up betimes to my office, where busy till 8 a-clock, that Sir W. Batten, Sir J. Mennes, Sir W. Penn and I down by barge to Woolwich to see the *Royall James* lanched, where she hath been under repair a great while. We stayed in the yard till almost noon, and then to Mr. Falconer's to a dinner of fish of our own sending. And when it was just ready to come upon the table, word is brought that the King and Duke are come, so they all went away to show themselves, while I stayed and had a little dish or two by myself, resolving to go home; and by the time I had dined, they came again, having gone to little purpose, the King I believe taking little notice of them. So they to dinner, and I stayed a little with them and so good-bye. I walked to Greenwich, studying my slide-rule for measuring of timber, which is very fine. Thence to Deptford by water and walked through the yard, and so walked to Redriffe and so home, pretty weary, and to my office; where anon they all came home, the ship well lanched, and so sat at the office till 9 at night – and I longer, doing business at my office; and so home to supper, my father being come, and to bed.