

that I went towards my office and in my way met with W. Simons, Muddiman, and Jack Price and went with them to Harpers, and in many sorts of talk I stayed till 2 of the clock in the afternoon. Thence I went with Muddiman to the Coffee-house, and gave 18d. to be entered of the Club.¹ Thence into the Hall, where I heard for certain that Monke was coming to London. Thence to Mrs. Jem and found her in bed, and some was afraid that it would prove the smallpox. Thence back to Westminster hall, where I heard how Sir H. Vane was this day voted out of the House and to sit no more there. Here I met with [the] Quarter Maister of my Lord's troop and his clerk Mr. Jenings, and took them home and gave [them] a bottle of wine and the remainder of my collar of brawn, and so good-night. After that, came in Mr. Hawly, who told me that I was missed this day at my office and that tomorrow I must pay all the money that I have, at which I was put to a great loss how I should get money to make up my cash, and so went to bed in great trouble.

10. Went out early, and in my way met with Greatorex, and at an alehouse he showed me the first sphere of wire that ever he made, and indeed it was very pleasant. Whence to Mr. Crews and borrowed 10l; and so to my office and was able to pay my money. Thence into the Hall; and meeting the Quarter Maister, Jenings and Capt. Rider, we four went to a cook's to dinner. Thence Jenings and I into London, it being through heat of the sun a great thaw and dirty, to show our bills of return; and coming back, drank a pint of wine at the Star in Cheapside. So to Westminster, overtaking Capt. Okeshott in his silk cloak, whose sword got hold of many people in walking. Thence to the Coffee-house, where were a great confluence of gentlemen; *viz.* Mr. Harrington, Poultny cheareman, Gold, Dr. Petty, &[c]., where admirable discourse till 9 at night.

12. I drink my morning [draught] at Harpers with Mr. Sheply and a seaman; and so to my office, where Capt. Holland came to see me and appointed a meeting in the afternoon. Then I wrote letters to Hinchingbrooke and sealed them at Wills, and after that went home; and thence to the Half Moon, where I found the Captain and Mr. Billingsly and Newman, a barber; where we were very merry and had the young man that plays so well on the Welch harp. Billingsly paid for all. Thence home, and finding my letters this day

1. The Rota Club, established for political debate.