

man in fight, while another is doubtful he shall be hit. But when the first man is sure he shall die, as now the Prince is, he is as much troubled and apprehensive of it as any man else. For,” says he, “sence we told him that we believe he would overcome his disease, he is as merry, and swears and laughs and curses and doth all the things of a [man] in health, as ever he did in his life” – which methought was a most extraordinary saying, before a great many persons there of quality. So by and by with Sir W. Penn home again; and after supper to the office to finish my vows, and so to bed.

18. Up, and by and by to my bookseller’s and there did give thorough direction for the new binding of a great many of my old books, to make my whole study of the same binding, within very few. Thence to my Lady Sandwiches, who sent for me this morning. Dined with her – and it was to get a letter of hers conveyed by a safe hand to my Lord’s own hand at Portsmouth; which I did undertake. Here my Lady did begin to talk of what she hath heard concerning Creed; of his being suspected to be a fanatic and a false fellow. I told her I thought he was as shrewd and cunning a man as any in England, and one that I would fear first should outwit me in everything – to which she readily concurred. Thence to Mr. Povy’s by agreement; and there, with Mr. Sherwin, Auditor Beale, and Creede and I, hard at it very late about Mr. Povys accounts; but such accounts I never did see, or hope again to see in my days. At night late, they gone, I did get him to put out of this account our sums that are *in posse* only yet – which he approved of when told, but would never have stayed it if I had been gone. Thence at 9 at night home; and so to supper, vexed and head akeing, and to bed.

20. To the Swan at noon, and there sent for a bit of meat and dined and had my baisier of the fille of the house there – but nothing plus. So took coach and to my Lady Sandwiches; and so to my booksellers and there took home Hooke’s book of Microscopy, a most excellent piece, and of which I am very proud. So home, and by and by again abroad with my wife about several businesses; and met at the New Exchange, and there to our trouble find our pretty Doll is gone away to live, they say with her father in the country – but I doubt something worse. So homeward, in my way buying a hare and taking it home – which arose upon my discourse today