

some old silver lace and to go buy new silk lace for a petticoat. I to Whitehall and did much business at a Tanger committee – where among other things, speaking about propriety of the houses there and how we ought to let the portugeses have right done them, as many of them as continue or did sell the houses while they were in possession – and something further in their favour – the Duke (in an anger I never observed in him before) did cry, says he, “All the world rides us, and I think we shall never ride anybody.” Thence home; and though late, yet Pedro being there he sang a song and parted; I did give him 5s., but find it burdensome and so will break up the meeting.

13. Up; and before I went to the office comes my Taylor with a coat I have made to wear within doors, purposely to come no lower then my knees; for by my wearing a gown within doors comes all my tenderness about my legs. There comes also Mr. Reeve with a Microscope and Scotoscope; for the first I did give him 5*l* 10s., a great price; but a most curious bauble it is, and he says as good, nay, the best he knows in England, and he makes the best in the world. The other he gives me, and is of value; and a curious curiosity it is to [see] objects in a dark room with. Mightily pleased with this, I to the office, where all the morning. There, offered by Sir W. Penn his coach to go to Epsum and carry my wife, I stepped out and bade my wife make her ready; but being not very well, and other things advising me to the contrary, I did forbear going; and so Mr. Creed dining with me, I got him to give my wife and me a play this afternoon, lending him money to do it – which is a fallacy that I have found now once to avoid my vowe with, but never to be more practised I swear. And to the new play at the Dukes house, of *Henery the 5th* – a most noble play, writ by my Lord Orery; wherein Baterton, Harris, and Ianthes parts are most incomparably wrote and done, and the whole play the most full of heighth and raptures of wit and sense that ever I heard. Thence home and to my office; wrote by the post, and then to read a little in Dr. Powre’s booke of discovery by the Microscope, to enable me a little how to use and what to expect from my glasse. So to supper and to bed.

15. Up, and with Sir J. Mennes by coach to St. James and there did our business with the Duke; who tells us more and more signs of a Dutch warr and how we must presently set out a fleet for Guinny – for the Dutch are doing so, and there I believe the war will