

despayre in love as the Collonell told me, which makes him bad company, though a most good-natured man), by water to Redriffe; and so on foot to Deptford – our servants by water. Where we fell to choosing four Captains to command the guards, and choosing the places where to keep them and other things in order thereunto. We dined at the globe, having our messenger with us to take care for us. Never till now did I see the great authority of my place, all the Captains of the fleet coming cap in hand to us. Having stayed very late there talking with the Collonell, I went home with Mr. Davis, storekeeper (whose wife is ill and so I could not see her), and was there most princely lodged, with so much respect and honour that I was almost at a loss how to behave myself.

13. In the morning we all went to church and sat in the pew belonging to us. Where a cold sermon of a young [man] that never hath preached before. Here Comissioner Pett came with his wife and daughters – the eldest, being his wife's daughter, is a very comely black woman. So to the globe to dinner. By Coach to Greenwich church, where a good sermon, a fine church, and a great company of handsome women. After sermon to Deptford again; where at the Comissioners and the globe we stayed long. And so I to Mr. Davis's to bed again. But no sooner in bed but we have an alarme and so we rise. And the Comptroller comes into the yard to us – and seamen of all the ships present repair to us; and there we armed, with everyone a handspike, with which they were as fierce as could be. At last we hear that it was only five or six men that did ride through the guard in the towne without stopping to the guard that was there and some say shot at them. But all being quiett there, we caused the seamen to go on board again; and so we all to bed (after I had sat awhile with Mr. Davis in his study, which is filled with good books and some very good song bookes): I likewise to bed.

15. Up and down the yard all the morning, and seeing the seamen exercise, which they do already very handsomely. Taking our leaves of the officers of the yard, we walked to the waterside and in our way walked into the Ropeyard, where I do look into the tarr-houses and other places, and took great notice of all the several works belonging to the making of a Cable. So after a cup of burnt wine at the taverne there, we took barge and went to blackwall and viewed the dock and the new wett dock which is newly made