

of cheating the King before the Lords-Commissioners of Tanager; and I doubt it true, but I have no hand [in] it; but will serve them what I can. All the morning at the office; and at noon dined at home, and then to the office again, where we met to finish the draft of the Victualler's contract; and so I by water with my Lord Brouncker to Arundell house to the Royal Society, and there saw an experiment of a dog's being tied through the back about the spinal Artery, and thereby made void of all motion; and the artery being loosened again, the dog recovers. Thence to Coopers and saw his advance on my wife's picture, which will be ended very fine. So with her to the Change to buy some things, and here I first bought of the seamstress next my bookseller's, where the pretty young girl is that will be a great beauty. So home, and to supper with my wife in the garden, it being these two days excessive hot. And so to bed.

18. At the office all the morning. At noon dined at home, and Creed with me, who I do really begin to hate, and do use him with some reservedness. Here was also my old acquaintance Will Swan to see me, who continues a factious fanatic still; and I do use him civilly, in expectation that those fellows may grow great again. Thence to the office, and then with my wife to the Change and Unthankes, after having been at Coopers and sat there for her picture; which will be a noble picture, but yet I think not so like as Hales's is. So home and to my office, and then to walk in the garden, and home to supper and to bed. Creed told me this day how when the King was at my Lord Cornwallis, when he went last to Newmarket, that being there on a Sunday, the Duke of Buckingham did in the afternoon, to please the King, make a bawdy sermon to him out of the Canticles. And that my Lord Cornwallis did endeavour to get the King a whore, and that must be a pretty girl, the daughter of the parson of the place; but that she did get away, and leaped off of some place and killed herself—which if true, is very sad.¹

24. Up, and by water to St. James (having by the way shown Symson Sir W. Coventry's chimney-pieces, in order to the making me one); and there, after the Duke of York was ready, he called me to his closet, and there I did long and largely show him the weakness of our office, and did give him advice to call us to account for our duties; which he did take mighty well, and desired me to

1. The story has not been traced elsewhere.