

something too much – he all the while telling me his intentions to get this girle, who is worth 1000*l*. And many times we had her sister Betty's health, whose memory I love. At last parted, and I well home; only, have got cold and was hoarse, and so to bed.

26. Not well in the morning and lay long in bed. At last rise and at noon with my wife to my Uncle Wights, where we met Mr. Cole, Mr. Rawlinson, Norbury and his wife and her daughter, and other friends to the Chine of beef that I sent them the other day, and eat and were merry. By and by I am called to the office, whither I went and there we sat late; and after the office done, Sir Wms both and I and Capt. Cock and Mr. Bence (who being drunk, showed himself by his talk a bold foole, and so we were fain to put him off and get him away) we sat till 9 a-clock by ourselves in the office, talking and drinking three or four bottles of wine. And so home and to bed. My wife and her mayde Dorothe falling out, I was troubled at it.

28. At home all the morning. At noon Will brought me from Whitehall, whither I had sent him, some letters from my Lord Sandwich from Tanger – where he continues still, and hath done some execution upon the Turks – and retaken an Englishman from them, of one Mr. Parker's, a merchant in Markelane.

30. I am this day in very good health, only got a little cold. The Parliament hath sat a pretty while. The old condemned Judges of the late King have been brought before the Parliament, and like to be hanged. I am deep in Chancery against Tom Trice; God give me a good issue. And my mind under great trouble for my late great expending of money vainly, which God stop for the future. This is the last day for the old State's Coyne to pass in common payments, but they say it is to pass in public payments to the King three months still.

## ✱ DECEMBER ✱

1. *Lords day*. We have this day cut a brave Coller of Brawne from Winchcombe, which proves very good. And also opened the glass of Girkins which Capt. Cock did give my wife the other day, which are rare things. So at night to bed. There hath lately been great