

who could hardly abstain from weeping) and took their names; and so parted, telling me that he would move his Royal Highness as in a thing very extraordinary, and so we parted. The truth is, Sir Chr. Mings was a very stout man, and a man of great parts and most excellent tongue among ordinary men; and as Sir W. Coventry says, could have been the most useful man in the world at such a pinch of time as this. He was come into great renowne here at home, and more abroad, in the West Indys. He had brought his family into a way of being great. But dying at this time, his memory and name (his father being always, and at this day, a Shoomaker, and his mother a Hoymans daughter, of which he was used frequently to boast) will be quite forgot in a few months, as if he had never been, nor any of his name be the better by it – he having not had time to coll[ect] any estate; but is dead poor rather then rich. So we left the church and crowd, and I home (being set down on Tower hill) and there did a little business, and then in the evening went down by water to Deptford, it being very late. And there I stayed out as much time as I could and then took boat again homeward. But the officers being gone in, returned and walked to Mrs. Bagwell's house; and there (it being by this time pretty dark and past 10 a-clock) went into her house and did what I would. So away to the waterside and sent for a pint of sack, and so home, drank what I would and gave the waterman the rest, and so adieu. Home about 12 at night, and so to bed – finding most of my people gone to bed. In my way home I called on a fisherman and bought three Eeles, which cost me 3s.

17. *Lords day.* My father and I walked to Grayse Inn fields and there spent an hour or two, walking and talking of several businesses. First, as to his estate, he told me it produced about 80*l* per annum. But then there goes 30*l* per annum taxes and other things, certain charge – which I do promise to make good, as far as this 30*l* – at which the poor man was overjoyed and wept. As to Pall, he tells me he is mightily satisfied with Ensum; and so I promised to give her 500*l* presently, and to oblige myself to 100*l* more on the birth of her first child, he insuring her in 10*l* per annum for every 100*l*. And in the meantime, till she doth marry, I promise to allow her 10*l* per annum. Then as to John, I tell him I will promise him nothing, but will supply him as so much lent him – I declaring that I am not pleased with him yet. And that when his degree is over, I will send for him up hither, and if he be good for