

Ascue, and Sir J. Lawson made them. Here a most noble French dinner and banquet, the best I have seen these many a day, and good discourse. Thence to my bookseller's and at his binders saw Hooke's book of the Microscope, which is so pretty that I presently bespoke it; and away home to the office, where we met to do something; and then, though very late, by coach to Sir Ph. Warwicks; but having company with him, could not speak with him. So back again home, where, thinking to be merry, was vexed with my wife's having looked out a letter in Sir Ph. Sidney about jealousy for me to read, which she industriously and maliciously caused me to do; and the truth is, my conscience told me it was most proper for me, and therefore was touched at it; but took no notice of it, but read it out most frankly. But it stuck in my stomach; and moreover, I was vexed to have a dog brought to my house to lime our little bitch, which they make him do in all their sights; which God forgive me, doth stir my Jealousy again, though of itself the thing is a very immodest sight. However, to Cards with my wife a good while, and then to bed.

3. Up, and by coach to Sir Ph. Warwicks, the street being full of footballs, it being a great frost. And find him and Mr. Coventry walking in St. James park. I did my errand to him about the felling of the King's timber in the forests, and then to my Lord of Oxford, Justice in Eyre, for his consent thereto, for want whereof my Lord Privy Seale stops the whole business. I found him in his lodgings, in but an ordinary furnished house and room where he was, but I find him to be a man of good discreet replies. Thence to the Coffee-house, where certain news that the Dutch have taken some of our Colliers to the north – some say four, some say seven. Thence to the Change a while, and so home to dinner and to the office, where we sat late, and then I to write my letters. Then to Sir W. Batten's, who is going out of town to Harwich tomorrow, to set up a Lighthouse there which he hath lately got a patent from the King to set up, that will turn much to his profit. Here very merry, and so to my office again, where very late, and then home to supper and to bed – but sat up with my wife at cards till past 2 in the morning.

6. Lay long in bed, but most of it angry and scolding with my wife about her warning Jane our cook-maid to be gone – and upon that, she desires to go abroad today to look a place. A very good maid she is and fully to my mind, being neat – only, they say a little