

together, as his learning is such and judgment that I cannot but be pleased with it. After dinner I took him to church into our gallery with me, but slept the best part of the sermon, which was a most silly one. So he and I to walk to the Change a while, talking from one pleasant discourse to another; and so home, and thither came my Uncle Wight and aunt and supped with us, mighty merry. And Creed lay with us all night. So to bed — very merry to think how Mr. Holliard (who came in this evening to see me) makes nothing but proving as a most clear thing that Rome is antichrist.

29. Up betimes, intending to do business at my office, by 5 a-clock. After dinner I to Westminster to Jervas's a while; and so doing many errands by the way, and necessary ones, I home. And thither came the woman, with her mother, which our Will recommends to my wife. I like her well, and I think will please us. My wife and they agreed, and she is to come the next week — at which I am very well contented, for then I hope we shall be settled; but I must remember that never since I was housekeeper I ever lived so quietly, without any noise or one angry word almost, as I have done since my present maids, Besse, Jane and Susan, came and were together. Now I have taken a boy and am taking a woman, I pray God we may not be worse; but I will observe it. After being at my office a while — home to supper and to bed.

30. Up and to the office, where sat long; and at noon to dinner at home. After dinner comes Mr. Pen to visit me, and stayed an hour talking with me. I perceive something of learning he hath got, but a great deal, if not too much, of the vanity of the French garbe and affected manner of speech and gait — I fear all real profit he hath made of his travel will signify little. So he gone, I to my office and there very busy till late at night; and so home to supper and to bed.

31. Up by 5 a-clock and to my office, where T. Hater and Will met me; and so we despatch a great deal of my business as to the ordering my papers and books, which were behindhand. All the morning very busy at my office. At noon home to dinner and there my wife hath got me some pretty good oysters, which is very soon, and the soonest I think I ever eat any. After dinner I up to hear my boy play upon a lute which I have this day borrowed of Mr. Hunt; and indeed, the boy would with little practice play very well upon the Lute — which pleases me well. So by coach to the Tanger