

apt to scold; but I hear her not. To my office all the morning, busy. Dined at home. To my office again, being pretty well reconciled to my wife; which I did desire to be, because she had designed much mirth today to end Christmas with among her servants. At night home, being Twelfenight, and there chose my piece of cake, but went up to my vial and then to bed, leaving my wife and people up at their sports, which they continue till morning, not coming to bed at all.

9. Up, and walked to Whitehall, it being still a brave frost and I in perfect good health, blessed be God. In my way saw a woman that broke her thigh, in her heels slipping up upon the frosty street. To the Duke, and there we did our usual work. Here I saw the Royall Society bring their new book, wherein is nobly writ their Charter and laws, and comes to be signed by the Duke as a Fellow; and all the Fellows' hands are to be entered there and lie as a monument, and the King hath put his, with the word "Founder". Thence I to Westminster to the Swan to Herberts girl, and lost time a little with her. And so took coach, and to my Lord Crews and dined with him; who receives me with the greatest respect that could be – telling me that he doth much doubt of the success of this war with Holland; we going about it, he doubts, by the instigation of persons that do not enough apprehend the consequences of the danger of it – and therein I do think with him. Thence to Whitehall to a Tanger Committee; where I was accosted and most highly complimented by my Lord Bellases our new Governor, beyond my expectation or measure I could imagine he would have given any man, as if I were the only person of business that he intended to rely on, and desires my correspondence with him. This I was not only surprized at, but am well pleased with and may make good use of it. Our patent is renewed, and he and my Lord Barkely and Sir Tho. Ingram put in as commissioners. Here some business happened which may bring me some profit. Thence took coach; and calling my wife at her tailor's (she being come this afternoon to bring her mother some apples, neats tongues and brain) I home, and there at my office late with Sir W. Warren and had a great deal of good discourse and counsel from him – which I hope I shall take, being all for my good in my deportment in my office, yet with all honesty. He gone, I home to supper and to bed.

11. Up, and very angry with my boy for lying long a-bed and