

and then with Mr. Moore; and then I set to make some strict rules for my future practice in my expenses, which I did bind myself in the presence of God by oath to observe, upon penaltys therein set down. And I do not doubt but hereafter to give a good account of my time and to grow rich – for I do find a great deal more of content in those few days that I do spend well about my business then in all the pleasures of a whole week, besides the trouble which I remember I always have after them for the expense of my money. Dined at home and then up to my chamber again about business; and so to the office – about despatching of the East India ships,¹ where we stayed till 8 at night; and then after I had been at Sir Wm. Pens awhile, discoursing with him and Mr. Kenard the Joyner about the new building in his house, I went home, where I find a vessel of oysters sent me from Chatham. And I fell to eat some and then to supper; and so after the barber had done, to bed. I am told that this day the Parliament hath voted 2s. per annum for every chimney in England, as a constant Revenue for ever to the Crowne.

4th. At the office all the morning. Dined at home at noon. And then to the office again in the afternoon to put things in order there, my mind being very busy in settling the office to ourselves,² I having now got distinct offices for the other two. By and by, Sir W. Penn and I and my wife in his Coach to Moorefields, where we walked a great while, though it was no fair weather and cold; and after our walk we went to the Popeshead and eat cakes and other fine things, and so home. I up to my chamber to read and write, and so to bed.

5. In the morning to the paynters about my little picture. Thence to Toms about business; and so to the pewterers to buy a poore's box to put my forfeites in, upon breach of my late vowes. So to the Wardrobe and dined, and thence home and to my office and there sat looking over my papers of my voyage when we fetched over the King, and tore so many of those that were worth nothing, as filled my closet as high as my knees. I stayed doing this till 10 at night; and so home and to bed.

6. Up earely, my mind full of business. Then to the office, where

1. Sent to Bombay to take possession of Bombay as part of Catherine of Braganza's dowry.

2. Pepys and his clerks.