

manner, and showed more of heate then cowardize, but yet with all humility and gravity. One asked him why he did not pray for the King: he answered, “Nay,” says he, “you shall see I can pray for the King; I pray, God bless him.”

16. Up before 4 a-clock; and after some business, took Will forth and he and I walked over the Tower hill through St. Catharines and Ratcliffe (I think it is) by the waterside above a mile before we could get a boat; and so over the water in a Scull (which I have not done a great while) and walked finally to Deptford, where I saw in what forwardness the work is for Sir W. Battens house and mine,¹ and it is almost ready. I also, with Mr. Davis, did view my Cosen Joyces tallow and compared it with the Irish tallow we bought lately; and find ours much more white, but as soft as it; now what is the fault, or whether it be or no a fault, I know not. So walked home again as far as over against the tower, and so over and home – where I find Sir W. Penn and Sir John Minnes discoursing about Sir J. Mennes house and his coming to live with us; and I think he intends to have Mr. Turners house and he to come to his lodgings, which I shall be very glad of. We three did go to Mr. Turners to view his house, which I think was to the end that Sir J. Mennes might see it. Then by water with my wife to the Wardrobe and dined there; and in the afternoon with all the children by water to Greenwich, where I showed them the King’s Yacht, the house and the parke, all very pleasant; and so to the taverne and had the Musique of the house, and so merrily home again; Will and I walked home from the Wardrobe, having left my wife at the tower wharf coming by – whom I find gone to bed not very well, she having her month’s upon her. So to bed.

19. Up by 5 a-clock; and while my man Will was getting himself ready to come up to me, I took and played on my lute a little. So to dress myself and to my office to prepare things against we meet this morning. We sat long today and had a great private business before us about contracting with Sir W. Rider, Mr. Cutler, and Capt. Cocke for 500 ton of hempe, which we went through and I am to draw up the conditions. Home to dinner, where I find Mr. Moore. And he and I did cast up our accounts together and even them. And

1. The houses were being raised by a storey, and the timber frames for the new roof were being made in the dockyard.