

her parts to the House and will act no more. And yesterday Sir Tho. Crew told me that Lacy lies a-dying of the pox, and yet hath his whore by him; whom he will have to look on, he says, though he can do no more; nor would receive any ghostly advice from a Bishop, an old acquaintance of his that went to see him. He says there is a strangeness between the King and my Lady Castlemayne, as I was told yesterday.

14. *Lords day.* Up, and my wife, a little before 4, and to make us ready; and by and by Mrs. Turner came to us by agreement, and she and I stayed talking below while my wife dressed herself; which vexed me that she was so long about it, keeping us till past 5 a-clock before she was ready. She ready, and taking some bottles of wine and beer and some cold Fowle with us into the Coach, we took coach and four horses which I had provided last night, and so away – a very fine day; and so towards Epsum, talking all the way pleasantly. The country very fine; only, the way very dusty. We got to Epsum by 8 a-clock to the Well, where much company; and there we light and I drank the water; they did not, but do go about and walk a little among the women, but I did drink four pints and had some very good stools by it. Here I met with divers of our town; among others, with several of the tradesmen of our office, but did talk but little with them, it growing hot in the sun; and so we took coach again and to the Towne to the King's Head, where our coachman carried us; and there had an ill room for us to go into, but the best in the house that was not taken up; here we called for drink and bespoke dinner. And hear that my Lord Buckhurst and Nelly is lodged at the next house, and Sir Ch. Sidly with them, and keep a merry house. Poor girl, I pity her; but more the loss of her at the King's House. W. Hewers rode with us, and I left him and the women, and myself walked to church, where few people (contrary to what I expected) and none I knew but all the Houblons brothers; and them after sermon I did salute and walk with towards my Inne, which was in their way to their lodgings. They came last night to see their elder brother, who stays here at the waters, and away tomorrow. James did tell me that I was the only happy man of the Navy; of whom, he says, during all this freedom the people have taken of speaking treason, he hath not heard one bad word of me – which is a great joy to me, for I hear the same of others; but do know that I have deserved as well as most. We parted, to meet anon; and I to my women into a better room, which the people of the