

19. All the morning almost at home, seeing my stairs finished by the painter, which please me well. So with Mr. Moore to Westminster hall, it being terme, and then by water to the Wardrobe – where very merry. So home to the office all the afternoon. Thanks be to God, I am very well again of my late payne. And tomorrow hope to be out of my pain of dirt and trouble in my house, of which I am now become very weary. One thing I must observe here, while I think of it; that I am now become the most negligent man in the world as to matter of newes. Insomuch, that nowadays I neither can tell any nor aske any of others.

25. Up this morning to put my papers in order that are come from my Lord's, so that now I have nothing there remaining that is mine, which I have had till now. This morning came Mr. Goodgroom to me, recommended by Mr. Mage. With whom I agreed presently to give him 20s. entrance; which I then did, and 20s. a month more to teach me to sing. And so we begun and I hope I shall come to something in it. His first song is *La cruda la bella*. He gone, my Brother Tom comes; with whom I made even with my father and the two drapers for the cloths I sent to sea lately. At home all day. In the afternoon came Capt. Allen and his daughter Rebecca and Mr. Hempson; and by and by both Sir Wms, who sat with me till it was late. And I had a very gallant collacion for them. At night to bed.

26. To Westminster about several businesses. Then to dine with my Lady at the Wardrobe – taking Deane Fuller along with me. Then home, where I heard that my father had been to find me out about special business; so I took coach and went to him; and find by a letter to him from my aunt that my uncle Robert is taken with a dizzinesse in his head. So that they desire my father to come downe to look after his business – by which we guess that he is very ill; and so my father doth think to go tomorrow. And so God's will be done. Back by water to the office. There till night; and so home to my musique and then to bed.

28. At home all the morning, practising to sing, which is now my great trade. And at noon to my Lady and dined with her. So back and to the office. And there sat till 7 at night; and then Sir W. Penn in his coach and I, we went to Moorefields and there walked; and stood and saw the wrestling, which I never saw so much of before – between the North and West countrymen. So home; and this night