

them – and did enquire after the music of *The Siege of Rhodes*, which he tells me he can get me, which I am mighty glad of. So to the office, where among other things I read the Council's order about my Lord Brouncker and W. Penn to be assistants to the Controller – which quietly went down, with Sir J. Mennes, poor man, seeming a little as if he would be thought to have desired it, but yet apparently to his discontent. And I fear, as the order runs, it will hardly do much good. At noon to dinner; and there comes a letter from Mrs. Pierce, telling me she will come and dine with us on Thursday next with some of the players, Knipp, &c., which I was glad of but my wife vexed, which vexed me but I seemed merry, but know not how to order the matter whether they shall come or no. After dinner to the office and there late; doing much business; and so home to supper and to bed.

23. Up, and with Sir W. Batten and W. Penn to Whitehall, and there to the Duke of York and did our usual business. Having done there, I to St. James's to see the Organ Mrs. Turner told me of the other night, of my late Lord Aubigny's; and I took my Lord Brouncker with me, he being acquainted with my present lord Almoner, Mr. Howard, brother of the Duke of Norfolke. So he and I thither and did see the Organ; but I do not like it, it being but a bawble, with a virginal joining to it – so I shall not meddle with it. Here we sat and talked with him a good while, and he seems a good-natured gentleman. Here I observed the Deske which he hath to remove, and is fastened to one of the armes of his Chayre. I do also observe the counterfeit windows there was in the form of Doores, with Looking glasses instead of windows, which makes the room seem both bigger and lighter I think; and I have some thoughts to have the like in one of my rooms. He discoursed much of the goodness of the Musique in Rome, but could not tell me how long Musique had been in any perfection in that Church – which I would be glad to know. He speaks much of the great buildings that this Pope (whom in mirth to us he calls Antichrist) hath done in his time. Having done with this discourse, we away; and my Lord and I walking into the parke back again, I did observe the new buildings; and my Lord seeing I had a desire to see them, they being the place for the priests and Friers, he took me back to my Lord Almner and he took us quite through the whole house and chapel and the new Monastery, showing me most excellent pieces in Waxworke – a crucifix given by a Pope to Mary Queene of Scotts, where a piece of