

To church, my wife and I with Sir W. Battin, where we heard of Mr. Mills a very good sermon upon these words: “So run that you may obtaine.” After sermon, with Mr. Pierce to Whitehall and from thence to my Lord, but Diana did not come according to our agreement. So calling at my father’s (where my wife had been this afternoon but was gone home), I went home. This afternoon, the King having news of the Princesses being come to Margetts, he and the Duke of Yorke went down thither in Barges to her.

24. *office day*. From thence to dinner by Coach with my wife to my Cozen Scotts – and the company not being come, I went over the way to the Barbers. So thither again to dinner, where was my uncle Fenner and my aunt, my father and mother and others. Among the rest, my Cozen Rich. Pepys, their elder brother, whom I have not seen these fourteen years, ever since he came from New England. I rose from table and went to the Temple church, where I had appointed Sir W. Batten to meet him; and there at Sir Henige Finch, Sollicitor-Generall’s Chamber, before him and Sir W. Wilde, Recorder of London (whom we sent for from his chamber), we were sworn Justices of Peace for Middlesex, Essex, Kent, and Southampton,¹ with which Honour I did find my mind mightily pleased, though I am wholly ignorant in the duty of a Justice of Peace. From thence to my Lord’s to enquire whether they have had anything from my Lord or no. Knocking at the door, there passed by Monsieur L’impertinent, for whom I took a Coach and went with him to a dancing-meeting in Broadstreete, at the house that was formerly the Glasse house (Luke Channell Maister of the Schoole) where I saw good dancing. But it growing late and the room very full of people, and so very hott, I went home.

25. To the office, where Sir W. Batten, Coll. Slingsby, and I sat a while; and Sir R. Ford coming to us about some business, we talked together of the interest of this kingdom to have a peace with Spain and a war with France and Holland – where Sir R. Ford talked like a man of great reason and experience. And afterwards did send for a Cupp of Tee (a China drink of which I never had drank before) and went away. Then came Coll. Birch and Sir R. Browne (by a former appointment) and with them from Towre wharf in the barge belonging to our office we went to Deptford to pay off the ship

1. The counties in which the royal dockyards were situated.