

Kingdom mad, and will turn to our ruine – for with this money the King shall wanton away his time in pleasures, and think nothing of the main till it be too late. He gone, I to the office, where busy till noon; and then home to dinner, where M. Batelier dined with us, and pretty merry; and so I to the office again. This morning, Mr. Sheres sent me, in two volumes, Mariana his history of Spaine in Spanish, an excellent book and I am much obliged for it to him.

30. Up and by coach to the coachmaker's, and there I do find a great many ladies sitting in the body of a coach that must be ended by tomorrow; they were my Lady Marquess of Winchester, Bellasses, and other great ladies, eating of bread and butter and drinking ale. I to my coach, which is silvered over, but no varnish yet laid on; so I put it in a way of doing, and myself about other business; and perticularly to see Sir W. Coventry, with whom I talked a good while to my great content; and so to other places, among others, to my tailor's and then to the belt-maker's, where my belt cost me 55s., of the colour of my new suit; and here, understanding that the mistress of the house, an oldish woman in a hat, hath some water good for the eyes, she did dress me, making my eyes smart most horribly, and did give me a little glass of it, which I will use and hope it will do me good. So to the Cutler's and there did give Tom, who was with me all day, a sword, cost me 12s., and a belt of my owne – and set my own silver-hilt sword a-gilding against tomorrow. This morning I did visit Mr. Oldenburgh and did see the instrument for perspective made by Dr. Wren, of which I have one making by Browne; and the sight of this doth please me mightily. At noon, my wife came to me at my tailor's; and I sent her home, and myself and Tom dined at Hercules pillers; and so about our business again, and perticularly to Lillys the varnisher about my prints, whereof some are pasted upon the boards, and to my full content. Thence to the frame-maker's, one Norris in Long Acre – who showed me several forms of frames to choose by; which was pretty, in little bits of mouldings to choose by. This done, I to my coachmaker's, and there vexed to see nothing yet done to my coach at 3 in the afternoon; but I set it in doing, and stood by it till 8 at night and saw the painter varnish it; which is pretty, to see how every doing it over doth make it more and more yellow. And it dries as fast in the sun as it can be laid on almost. And most coaches are nowadays done so, and it is very pretty when laid on well – and not too pale, as some are, even to