

merchant that loves musique and comes to me a-Sundays, a most ingenious and sweet-natured and highly accomplished person. I know not how their fortunes may agree, but their disposition and merits are much of a sort, and persons, though different, yet equally I think acceptable.

23. Up, and with Sir W. Batten and Sir W. Penn to Whitehall; but there finding the Duke gone to his lodgings at St. James's for altogether, his Duchesse being ready to lie in, we to him and there did our usual business. And here I met the great news, confirmed by the Dukes own relation, by a letter from Capt. Allen – first, of our loss of two ships, the *Phœnix* and *Nonesuch*, in the Bay of Gibraltar – then, of his and his seven ships with him, in the Bay of Cales or thereabouts, fight with the 34 Duch Smirna fleet – sinking the *King Salamon*, a ship worth 150000*l* or more, some say 200000*l*, and another, and taking three merchant-ships. Thence to Jervas's, my mind, God forgive me, running too much after sa fille, but elle not being within, I away by coach to the Change – and thence home to dinner; and finding Mrs. Bagwell waiting at the office after dinner, away elle and I to a cabaret where elle and I have été before; and there I had her company toute l'après-dîner and had mon plein plaisir of elle – but strange, to see how a woman, notwithstanding her greatest pretences of love à son mari and religion, may be vaincue. Thence to the Court of the Turkey Company at Sir Andr. Rickard's, to treat about carrying some men of ours to Tanger, and had there a very civil reception, though a denial of the thing, as not practicable with them, and I think so too. So to my office a little; but being minded to make an end of my pleasure today, that I might fallow my business, I did take coach and to Jervas's again, thinking to avoir rencontré Jane; mais elle n'était pas dedans. So I back again to my office, where I did with great content faire a vow to mind my business and laisser aller les femmes for a month; and am with all my heart glad to find myself able to come to so good a resolution, that thereby I may fallow my business, which, and my honour thereby, lies a-bleeding. So home to supper and to bed.

24. Up, and by coach to Westminster hall and the Parliament-house, and there spoke with Mr. Coventry and others about business; and so back to the Change, where no news more then that the Dutch have, by consent of all the Provinces, voted no trade to be suffered for 18 months, but that they apply themselves wholly to the