

2. Up, after much pleasant talk with my wife and upon some alterations I will make in my house in her absence, and I do intend to lay out some money thereon. So she and I up, and she got her ready to be gone; and by and by comes Betty Turner and her mother and W. Batelier, and they and Deb, to whom I did give 10s. this morning to oblige her to please her mistress (and yo did besar her mucho) and also Jane; and so in two coaches set out about 8 a-clock toward the carrier, there for to take coach for my father's (that is to say, my wife and Betty Turner, Deb and Jane); but I meeting my Lord Anglesy going to the office, was forced to light in Cheapside, and there took my leave of them (not besando Deb, which yo had a great mind to); left them to go to their coach, and I to the office, where all the morning busy. And so at noon with my other clerks (W. Hewer being a day's journey with my wife) to dinner. Thence with Lord Brouncker to the Royall Society, where they were just done; but there I was forced to subscribe to the building of a College, and did give 40*l*. And several others did subscribe, some greater and some less sums; but several I saw hang off, and I doubt it will spoil the Society – for it breeds faction and ill will, and becomes burdensome to some that cannot or would not do it. Here to my great content I did try the use of the Otacousticon, which was only a great glass bottle broke at the bottom, putting the neck to my eare; and there I did plainly hear the dashing of the oares of the boats in the Thames to Arundell gallery window; which without it I could not in the least do, and may I believe be improved to a great heighth – which I was mighty glad of. Thence with Lord Brouncker and several of them to the King's Head tavern by Chancery lane, and there did drink and eat and talk; and above the rest, I did desire of Mr. Hooke and my Lord an account of the reason of Concords and Discords in music – which they say is from the æquality of the vibrations; but I am not satisfied in it, but will at my leisure think of it more and see how far that doth go to explain it.

4. Up betimes, and by coach towards Whitehall; and took Aldgate street in my way and there called upon one Hayward that makes virginalls, and did there like of a little Espinettes and will have him finish them for me; for I had a mind to a small Harpsicon, but this takes up less room and will do my business as to finding out of Chords – and I am very well pleased that I have found it. Thence to Whitehall; and after long waiting did get a small running Committee of Tanger, where I stayed but little; and little done but