

stopped; and home to Cards a while, and had opportunity para besar Mercer several times, and so to bed.

## ✱FEBRUARY✱

1. Up, and to the office, where I was all the morning doing business. At noon home to dinner; and after dinner down by water, though it was a thick misty and raining day, and walked to Deptford from Redriffe and there to Bagwells by appointment – where the moher erat within expecting mi venida. And did senza alguna difficulty monter los degres and lie, comme jo desired it, upon lo lectum; and there I did la cosa con much voluptas. By and by su marido came in, and there, without any notice taken by him, we discoursed of our business of getting him the new ship building by Mr. Deane, which I shall do for him.

2. Up, and to the office. This day I hear that Prince Rupert is to be trepanned – God give good issue to it. Sir W. Penn looks upon me and I on him, and speak about business together at the table well enough, but no friendship or intimacy, nor do I desire to have any. At noon dined well, and my brother and I to write over once more with my own hand my Catalogue of books, while he reads to me. After something of that done, and dined, I to the office, where all the afternoon till night busy. At night, having done all my office matters, I home, and my brother and I to go on with my Catalogue, and so to supper. This night comes home my new Silver Snuffe dish which I do give myself for my closet; which is all I purpose to bestow in plate of myself or shall need many a day, if I can keep what I have. So to bed. I am very well pleased this night with reading a poem I brought home with me last night from Westminster hall, of Driden's upon the present war – a very good poem.

5. This morning, before I went to the office there came to me Mr. Young and Whistler, Flaggmakers, and with mighty earnestness did present me with and press me to take a box, wherein I could not guess there was less then 100*l* in gold. But I do wholly refuse it, and did not at last take it – the truth is, not thinking them safe men to receive such a gratuity from nor knowing any considerable courtesy that ever I did do them – but desirous to keep myself free