

11. At 2 a-clock, with very great mirth, we went to our lodging and to bed. And lay till 7; and then called up by Sir W. Batten – so I rise. And we did some business; and at about 9 a-clock, after we had breakfasted, we Sett forth for London; and ended, I was a little troubled to part with Mrs. Rebecca – for which God forgive me. But of all the journys that ever I made, this was the merriest, and I was in a strange moode for mirth. I met two little schooleboys, going with pichers of ale to their schoolmaster to break up against Easter; and I did drink of some of one of them and give him two pence. By and by we came to two little girls keeping cowes; and I saw one of them very pretty, so I had a minde to make her aske my blessing. And telling that I was her godfather, she asked me innocently whether I was not Ned Wooding, and I said that I was; so she kneeled down and very simply cried, “Pray, godfather, pray to God to bless me” – which made us very merry and I gave her twopence. In several places I asked women whether they would Sell me their children; that they denied me all, but said they would give me one to keep for them if I would.

14. *Easter. Lords day.* In the morning towards my father’s. And by the way heard Mr. Jacomb at Ludgate, upon these words, “Christ loved you and therefore let us love one another.” And made a lazy sermon, like a presbyterian. Then to my father’s and dined there, and Dr. Fairbrother (lately come to town) with us. After dinner I went to the Temple and there heard Dr. Griffith; a good sermon for the day. So with Mr. Moore (whom I met there) to my Lord’s – and there he showed me a Copy of my Lord Chancellor’s patent for Earle, and I read the preamble, which is very short, modest, and good. Here my Lord saw us and spoke to me about getting Mr. Moore to come and governe his house while he goes to sea, which I promised him to do. And did afterward speak to Mr. Moore and he is willing. Then hearing that Mr. Barnwell was come with some of my Lord’s children yesterday to town to see the Coronacion, I went and found them at the Goate at Charing cross; and there I went and drank with them a good while – whom I find in very good health and very merry.

16. So soon as word was brought me that Mr. Coventry was come with the barge to the Tower, I went to him and find him reading of the psalmes in shorthand (which he is now busy about); and had good sport about the long marks that are made there for