

a clap upon his first coming over. Here I saw Sir J. Lawson's daughter and husband, a fine couple – and also Mr. Southwell and his new lady, very pretty. Thence back, putting in at Dr. Whore's, where I saw his lady, a very fine woman. So home, and thither by my desire comes by and by Creed and lay with me, very merry – and full of discourse what to do tomorrow, and the conveniences that will attend my having of this place; and I do think they may be very great.

20. Up, Creed and I, and had Mr. Povy's coach sent for us, and we to his house – where we did some business, in order to the work of this day. Povy and I to my Lord Sandwich, who tells me that the Duke is not only a friend to the business, but to me, in terms of the greatest love and respect and value of me that can be thought; which overjoys me. The Duke did direct Secretary Bennet, who was there, to declare his mind to the Committee that he approves of me for Treasurer, and with a character of me to be a man whose industry and discretion he would trust as soon as any man's in England – and did the like to my Lord Sandwich. So to Whitehall to the Committee of Tanger and there I received their constitution under all hands presently, so that I am already confirmed their Treasurer, and put into a condition of striking of Tallys. And all without one harsh word or word of dislike; but quite the contrary – which is a good fortune beyond all imagination. Here we rose, and Povy and Creed and I, all full of joy, thence to dinner – they setting me down at Sir J. Winter's by promise; and dined with him, and a worthy fine man he seems to be, and of good discourse. Our business was to discourse of supplying the King with Iron for Ancors, if it can be judged good enough. And a fine thing it is, to see myself come to the condition of being received by persons of this rank – he being, and having long been, Secretary to the Queene-mother.

22. To Mr. Povys, and with Creed to the Change and to my house; but it being washing-day, dined not at home, but took him (I being invited) to Mr. Hublands the merchant, where Sir W. Petty and abundance of most ingenious men, owners and freighters of the *Experiment*, now going with her two bodies to sea. Most excellent discourse. Among others, Sir Wm. Petty did tell me that in good earnest, he hath in his will left such parts of his estate to him that could invent such and such things – as among others, that could