

afear'd to lie alone, but for shame I could not help it; and so to bed, and being sleepy, fell soon to rest and so rested well.

24. Up and walked about in the garden, and I find that Mrs. Tooker hath not any of her daughters here as I expected. And so walked to the yard, leaving Middleton at the pay; and there I only walked up and down the yard, and then to the Hill house and there did give order for the coach to be made ready and got Mr. Gibson, whom I carried with me, to go with me and Mr. Coney the surgeon towards Maydston, which I had a mighty mind to see; and took occasion in my way, at St. Margetts, to pretend to call to see Capt. Allen, to see whether Mrs. Jowles his daughter was there; and there his wife came to the door, he being at London, and through a window I spied Jowles, but took no notice of her; but made excuse till night, and then promised to come and see Mrs. Allen again; and so away, it being a mighty cold and windy, but clear day, and had the pleasure of seeing the Medway running, winding up and down mightily, and a very fine country; and I went a little way out of the way to have visited Sir Jo. Bankes, but he at London; but here I had a sight of his seat and house, the outside, which is an old abbey just like Hinchinbrooke, and as good at least, and mighty finely placed by the river; and he keeps the grounds about it, and walls and the house, very handsome – I was mightily pleased with the sight of it. Thence to Maydstone, which I had a mighty mind to see, having never been there; and walked all up and down the town, and up to the top of the steeple and had a noble view, and then down again and in the town did see an old man beating of Flax, and did step into the barn and give him money and saw that piece of husbandry, which I never saw, and it is very pretty. In the street also, I did buy and send to our Inne, the Bell, a dish of fresh fish; and so having walked all round the town, and find it very pretty as most towns I ever saw, though not very big, and people of good fashion in it, we to our Inne to dinner, and had a good dinner; and after dinner a barber came to me and there trimmed me, that I might be clean against night to go to Mrs. Allen; and so staying till about 4 a-clock, we set out, I alone in the coach going and coming; and in our way back, I light out of the way to see a Saxon monument, as they say, of a king; which is three stones staying upright and a great round one lying on them, of great bigness, although not so big as those on Salisbury-plain, but certainly it is a thing of great antiquity, and I mightily glad to see it; it is near to Alesford, where Sir Jo. Bankes