

speaks the worst French that ever I heard of one that hath been so long beyond sea. Thence into Paul's churchyard and bought Barkley's *Argenis* in Latin; and so home and to bed. I find at home that Capt. Bun hath sent me four dozen bottles of wine to me today. The King came back to Whitehall tonight.

26. *Lords day.* With Sir W. Penn to the parish church, where we are placed in the highest pew of all, where a stranger preached a dry and tedious long sermon. Dined at home, and with my wife to church again in the afternoon. Home again and walked in the garden and on the leads till night; and so to supper and to bed.

27. This morning comes one with a vessel of Northdowne ale from Mr. Pierce the purser to me. And after him, another with a brave Turkey carpet and a Jarre of Olives from Capt. Cuttance and a pair of fine Turtle-doves from John Burr to my wife. These things came up today in our smack; and my boy Ely came along with them and came after office was done to see me. I did give him half a crowne because I saw that he was ready to cry to see that he could not be entertained by me here. In the afternoon to the Privy Seale, where good stir of work now toward the end of the month. From thence with Mr. Mount, Luellin and others to the Bullhead till late, and so home. Where about 10 a-clock Maj. Hart came to me – whom I did receive with wine and a dish of Anchoves, which made me so dry that I was ill with them all night and was fain to have the girl rise to fetch me some drink.

28. At home looking over my papers and books and house as to the fitting of it to my mind till 2 in the afternoon. Some time I spent this morning beginning to teach my wife some skill in Musique, and find her apt beyond imagination. This day I heard my poor mother hath these two days been very ill, and I fear she will not last long. To bed – a little troubled that I fear my boy Will is a thief and hath stole some money of mine – perticularly a letter that Mr. Jenkins did leave the last week with me with half a crown in to send to his son.

29. Office day. Before I went to the office, my wife and I examined my boy Will about his stealing of things, as we doubted yesterday; but he denied all with the greatest subtility and confidence in the world. To the office; and after office, then to the