

done, he fell to singing of a song made upon the Rump, with which he pleased himself well – to the tune of *The Blacksmith*. After all that done, then to bed.

26. This day came Mr. Donne back from London, who brought letters with him that signify the meeting of the Parliament yesterday. And in the afternoon, by other letters I hear that about twelve of the Lords met and have chosen my Lord of Manchester Speaker of the House of Lords (the young Lords that never sot yet, do forbear to sit for the present); and Sir Harbottle Grimstone Speaker of the House of Commons. Dr. Renalds preached before the Commons before they sat. My Lord told me how Sir H. Yelverton (formerly my schoolfellow) was chosen in the first place for Northamptonshire and Mr. Crew in the second. And told me how he did believe that the Cavaliers have now the upper hand clear of the Presbyterians. All the afternoon I was writing of letters; among the rest, one to W. Simons, Peter Luellin and Tom Doling; which because it is somewhat merry, I keep a copy of. After that done, Mr. Sheply, W. Howe and I down with Jo. Goods into my Lord's Storeroome of wine and other drink, where it was very pleasant to observe the massy timbers that the ship is made of. We in the room were wholly under water and yet a deck below that. After that to supper, where Tom Guy supped with us and we had very good laughing; and after that some Musique, where Mr. Pickering, beginning to play a bass part upon my viall, did it so like a fool that I was ashamed of him. After that to bed.

29. *Sunday*. This day I put on first my fine cloth suit, made of a cloak that had like to have been beshit behind a year ago the very day that I put it on. After sermon in the morning, Mr. Cooke came from London with a packet, bringing news how all the young lords that were not in arms against the Parliament do now sit. That a letter is come from the King to the House; which is locked up by the Council till next Tuesday, that it may be read in the open House when they meet again, they having adjourned till then to keep a fast tomorrow – and so the contents is not yet known.

30. After dinner to ninepins, W. Howe and I against Mr. Creed and the Captain; we lost 5s. apiece to them. After that, W. How, Mr. Sheply and I, we got my Lord's leave to go to see Capt. Sparling: so we took boat and first went on shore, it being very