

condition and to get a place for him, but I perceive he stands upon a place for a gentleman that may not stain his family; when, God help him, he wants bread.

19. Much business at my Lord's. This morning my Lord went into the House of Commons and there had the thanks of the House, in the name of the parliament and the Commons of England, for his late service to his King and Country. My wife and the girl and dog came home today. We were [told] of W. Howe being sick today; but he was well at night. When I came home I found a Quantity of Chocolate left for me, but I know not from whom.

20. Up by 4 in the morning to write letters to sea and a Comission for him that Murford solicits for. Called on by Capt. Sparling, who did give me my Duch money again, and so much as he had changed into English money, by which my mind was eased of a great deal of trouble – and some other sea-Captains. I did give them a good morning draught. And so to my Lord, who lay long in bed this day, because he came home late from supper with the King. With my Lord to the Parliament house; and after that, with him to Gen. Monkes, where he dined at the Cockepitt. I home and dined with my wife, now making all things ready there again.

22. My dear friend Mr. Fuller of Twickenham and I dined alone at the Sun taverne, where he told me how he hath the grant of being Deane of St. Patrickes in Ireland, and I him my condition; and both rejoiced one for another. My Lord abroad, and I to my house and set things in a little order there. To bed, the first time since my coming from sea, in my own house, for which God be praised.

23. To my Lord's lodgings, and there stayed to see the King touch people of the King's evil. But he did not come at all, it rayned so. And the poor people were forced to stand all the morning in the rain in the garden. Afterwards, he touched them in the banquetting-house. With my Lord to my Lord Frezendorfes, where he dined today – where he told me that he had obtained a promise of the Clerk of the Acts place for me, at which I was glad.

25. With my Lord to Whitehall all the morning. I spoke with Mr. Coventry about my business, who promised me all the assistance I could expect. At the Leg in King street. Thence to the Admiralty,