

11. Up, and to my office, where alone all the morning. About noon comes to me my cousin Sarah and my aunt Licett, newly come out of Gloucestershire, good woman, and come to see me; I took them home and made them drink, but they would not stay dinner, I being alone. But here they tell me that they hear that this day Kate Joyce was to be married to a man called Hollinshed, whom she indeed did once tell me of and desired me to enquire after him. But whatever she said of his being rich, I do fear, by her doing this without my advice, it is not as it ought to be; but as she brews, let her bake. They being gone, I to dinner with Balty and his wife, who is come to town today from Deptford to see us. And after dinner, I out and took a coach and called Mercer, and she and I to the Duke of York's playhouse and there saw *The Tempest*; and between two acts, I went out to Mr. Harris and got him to repeat to me the words of the Echo, while I writ them down, having tried in the play to have wrote them; but when I had done it, having done it without looking upon my paper, I find I could not read the blacklead – but now I have got the words clear; and in going in thither, had the pleasure to see the Actors in their several dresses, especially the seamen and monster, which were very droll. So into the play again. But there happened one thing which vexed me; which is, that the orange-woman did come in the pit and challenge me for twelve oranges which she delivered by my order at a late play at night, to give to some ladies in a box, which was wholly untrue, but yet she swore it to be true; but however, I did deny it and did not pay her, but for quiet did buy 4s. worth of oranges of her – at 6d. a piece. Here I saw first my Lord Ormond since his coming from Ireland, which is now about eight days. After the play done, I took Mercer by water to Spring garden and there with great pleasure walked and eat and drank and sang, making people come about us to hear us, and two little children of one of our neighbours that happened to be there did come into our Arbour and we made them dance prettily. So by water, with great pleasure down to the Bridge, and there landed and took water again on the other side; and so to the Tower, and I saw her home, and myself home to my chamber and by and by to bed.

13. Up and by water to Whitehall, and so to Sir H. Cholmlys, who not being up, I made a short visit to Sir W. Coventry, and he and I through the park to Whitehall; and thence I back into the park and there met Sir H. Cholmly, and he and I to Sir St. Fox's; where we met and considered the business of the Excize, how far it is