

19. A great deal of business all this day; and Burr being gone to shore without my leave did vex me much. This day it hath rained much, so that when I came to go to bed I found it wet through; so I was fain to wrap myself up in a dry sheet and so lie all night.

20. All the morning I was busy to get my window altered and to have my table set as I would have it; which after it was done, I was infinitely pleased with it, and also to see what a command I have to have everyone ready to come and go at my command. This day one told me how that at the Eleccion at Cambrige for Knight of the shire, Wendby and Thornton, by declaring to stand for the Parliament and a King and the settlement of the Church, did carry it against all expectation against Sir Dudl. North and Sir Thom. Willis. I supped tonight with Mr. Sheply below at the half-deck table; and after that saw Mr. Pickering, whom my Lord brought down to his cabin; and so to bed.

21. This day dined Sir John Boys and some other gentlemen, formerly great Cavaliers; and among the rest, one Mr. Norwood, for whom my Lord gave a convoy to carry him to the Brill; but he is certainly going to the King – for my Lord commanded me that I should not enter his name in my book. My Lord doth show them and that sort of people great civility. All their discourse and others' are of the King's coming, and we begin to speak of it very freely. And heard how in many churches in London and upon many signs there and upon merchants' ships in the river they have set up the King's arms. In the afternoon the Captain would by all means have me up to his cabin; and there treated me huge nobly, giving me a barrel of pickled oysters, and opened another for me, and a bottle of wine, which was a very great favour. At night late singing with W. Howe, and under the barber's hands in the coach. This night there came one with a letter from Mr. Edwd. Mountagu to my Lord, with command to deliver it to his own hand. I do believe that he doth carry some close business on for the King.

23. In the evening, the first time that we have had any sport among the seamen; and indeed, there was extraordinary good sport, after my Lord had done playing, at ninepins. After that, W. Howe and I went to play two Trebles in the great Cabbins below; which my Lord hearing, after supper he called for our instruments and played a set of Lock's, two trebles and a bass. And that being