

being already tired of his slavery to my Lord Brouncker and the charge it costs him, and gets no manner of courtesy from him for it. He gone, I home to dinner. Find the girl yet better, so no fear of being forced to send her out of doors as we intended.

3. Up, and all the morning at the office. At noon home, and contrary to my expectation find my little girl Su worse then she was, which troubled me; and the more to see my wife minding her painting, and not thinking of her house business (this being the first day of her beginning the second time to paint). This together made me froward, that I was angry with my wife and would not have Browne¹ to think to dine at my table with me always, being desirous to have my house to myself, without a stranger and Mechanique to be privy to all my concernments. Upon this my wife and I had a little disagreement, but it ended by and by. And then to send up and down for a nurse to take the girle home, and would have given anything; I offered to the only one that we could get 20s. per week, and we to find clothes and bedding and physick. And would have given 30s. as demanded, but desired an hour or two's time. So I away by water to Westminster and there sent for the girl's mother to Westminster hall to me; she came, and undertakes to get her daughter a lodging and nurse at next door to her, though she dare not, for the parish sake (whose sexton her husband is), to [take] her into her own house. Thence home, calling at my bookseller's and other trifling places, three or four, and so home. And in the evening the mother came, and with a nurse she hath got, who demanded, and I did agree at, xs. per week to take her. And so she away – and my house mighty uncouth, having so few in it, and we shall want a servant or two by it. And the truth is, my heart was a little sad all the afternoon, and jealous of myself. But she went, and we all glad of it. And so a little to the office; and so to home to supper and to bed.

4. Had a great fray with my wife again about Brown's coming to teach her to paint and sitting with me at table, which I will not yield to. I do thoroughly believe she means no hurt in it, but very angry we were; and I resolved all into my having my will done without disputing, be the reason what it will – and so I will have it. After dinner abroad again, and to the New Exchange about play-books –

I. Her drawing master.