

book (Boyle's *Hydrostatickes*) aloud in my chamber and let her talk till she was tired, and vexed that I would not hear her; and so become friends and to bed together, the first night after four or five that she hath lain from me by reason of a great cold she had got.

6. Up, and to the office all the morning, where (which he hath not done a great while) Sir G. Carteret came to advise with us for the disposing of 10000*l*, which is the first sum the new Lords Treasurers have provided us; but unless we have more, this will not enable us to cut off any of the growing charge, which they seem to give it us for and expect we should discharge several ships quite off with it. So home and with my father and wife to Sir W. Penn's to dinner, which they invited us to out of their respect to my father, as a stranger; though I know them as false as the devil himself, and that it is only that they think it fit to oblige me; wherein I am a happy man, that all of my fellow-officers are desirous of my friendship. Here as merry as in so false a place and where I must dissemble my hatred, I could be. And after dinner, my father and wife to a play and I to my office; and there busy all the afternoon till late at night; and then my wife and I sang a song or two in the garden, and so home to supper and to bed.

8. Up and to the office, where all the news this morning is that the Dutch are come with a fleet of 80 sail to Harwich, and that guns were heard plain by Sir W. Rider's people at Bednall Greene all yesterday noon. So to the office we all, and sat all the morning; and then home to dinner – where our dinner, a ham of French Bacon boiled with pigeons – an excellent dish. Here dined with us only W. Hewers and his mother. After dinner to the office again, where busy till night; and then home and to read a little and then to bed. The news is confirmed that the Dutch are off of Harwich, but had done nothing last night. The King hath sent down my Lord of Oxford to raise the country there; and all the Western Barges are taken up to make a bridge over river about the Hope, for horse to cross the river if there be occasion.

10. Up; and news brought us that the Dutch are come up as high as the Nore. W. Batten, W. Penn and I to St. James, where the Duke of York gone this morning betimes to send away some men down to Chatham. So we three to Whitehall and met Sir W. Coventry, who presses all the possible for fireships; so we three to the office