



At the end of the last and the beginning of this year I do live in one of the houses belonging to the Navy office as one of the principall officers – and have done now about half a year. After much trouble with workmen, I am now almost settled – my family being, myself, my wife, Jane, Will Ewre, and Wayneman, my girl's brother. Myself in a constant good health – and in a most handsome and thriving condition. Blessed be Almighty God for it. I am now taking of my sister Paulina to come and live with me.

As to things of State – the King settled and loved of all. The Duke of Yorke lately matched to my Lord Chancellor's daughter, which doth not please many. The Queene upon her return to France. The Princesse of Orange lately dead, and we into new mourning for her. The parliament, which hath done all this great good to the King, beginning to grow factious, the King did dissolve it December 29 last – and another likely to be chosen speedily.

I take myself now to be worth 300l clear in money. And all my goods and all manner of debts paid, which are none at all.

❧ JANUARY ❧

1. Comes in my Brother Tho., and after him my father, Dr. Tho. Pepys, my uncle Fenner and his two sons (Anthonys only child dying this morning, yet he was so civil to come and was pretty merry) to breakfast. And I have for them a barrel of oysters, a dish of neat's tongues, and a dish of Anchoves – wine of all sorts, and Northdown ale. We were very merry till about 11 a-clock, and then they went away. At noon I carried my wife by Coach to my Cosen Tho. Pepys; where we, with my father, Dr. Tho., Cozen