

provoked to spend. But trust in the Lord I shall never do so again while I live. After being tired with her company, I landed her at Whitehall and so home and at my office writing letters, till 12 at night almost; and then home to supper and bed and there find my poor wife hard at work, which grieved my heart to see that I should abuse so good a wretch,* and that it is just with God to make her bad to me for my wronging of her; but I do resolve never to do the like again. So to bed.

27. Spend the evening with my poor wife – consulting about her closet, clothes, and other things. At night to supper, though with little comfort, I finding myself, both head and breast, in great pain; and which troubles me most, my right eare is almost deaf. It is a cold, which God Almighty in justice did give me while I sat lewdly sporting with Mrs. Lane the other day with the broken window in my neck. I went to bed with a posset, being very melancholy in consideration of the loss of my hearing.

28. The Comissioners for Tanger met, and there my Lord Tiviott, together with Capt. Cuttance, Capt. Evans, and Jonas Moore, sent to that purpose, did bring us a brave draught of the Molle to be built there, and report that it is likely to be the most considerable place the King of England hath in the world; and so I am apt to think it will. After discourse of this and of supplying the Guarrison with some more horse, we rise; and Sir J. Mennes and I home again, finding the street about our house full, Sir R. Ford beginning his Shrevalty today. And what with his and our houses being new-painted, the street begins to look a great deal better then it did – and more gracefull.

30. In the afternoon by water to Whitehall to the Tanger Committee, where my Lord Tiviott brought his accounts; which grieves me to see, that his accounts being to be examined by us, there is none of the great men at the Board that in compliment will except against anything in his accounts, and so none of the little persons dare do it: so the King is abused.