

So back and home, and there to supper and so to bed.

3. Up; and by coach to St. James's and with Sir W. Coventry a great while, talking about several businesses – but especially about accounts and how backward our Treasurer is in giving them satisfaction; and the truth is, I do doubt he cannot do better. But it is strange to see, that being conscious of our doing little at this day nor for some time past in our office, for want of money, I do hang my head to him and cannot be so free with him as I used to be, nor can be free with him, though of all men I think I have the least cause to be so, having taken so much more pains (while I could do anything) then the rest of my fellows. Parted with him; and so going through the park, met Mr. Mills our parson, whom I went back with to bring him to W. Coventry to give him the form of a Qualificacion for the Duke of York to sign to, to enable him to have two livings; which was a service I did, but much against my will, for a lazy, fat priest. Thence to Westminster hall and there walked a turn or two with Sir Wm. Doyly, who did lay a wager with me the Treasurership would be in one hand (notwithstanding this present Commission) before Christmas; on which we did lay a pole of ling, a brace of carps, and a pottle of wine, and Sir W. Penn and Mr. Scowen to be at the eating of them. Thence down by water to Deptford, it being Trinity Monday, when the Maister is chosen. And there finding them all at church, and thinking they dined as usual at Stepny, I turned back, having a good book in my hand (the Life of Cardinal Wolsey, wrote by his own servant), and to Ratcliffe; and so walked to Stepny and spent my time in the churchyard looking over the gravestones, expecting when the company would come; but finding no company stirring, I sent to the house to see, and it seems they dine not there, but at Deptford; so I back again to Deptford and there find them just sat down; and so I down with them and we had a good dinner of plain meat, and a good company at our Table; among others, my good Mr. Evelyn, with whom after dinner I stepped aside and talked upon the present posture of our affairs; which is, that the Dutch are known to be abroad with 80 sail of ships of war and 20 fireships and the French come into the Channell with 20 sail of men-of-war and 5 fireships, while we have not a ship at sea to do them any hurt with, but are calling in all we can, while our Imbassadors are treating at Bredah and the Duch look upon them as come to beg peace, and use them accordingly. And all this through the negligence of our Prince; who