

was very sorry for it. The Sickenesse is got into our parish this week; and is got ended everywhere, so that I begin to think of setting things in order, which I pray God enable me to put, both as to soul and body.

27. Called up at 4 a-clock. Up, and to my preparing some papers for Hampton Court; and so by water to Foxhall, and there Mr. Gaudens coach took me up; and by and by I took up him, and so both thither – a brave morning to ride in, and good discourse with him. So despatched all my business, having assurance of continuance of all hearty love from Sir W. Coventry; and so we stayed and saw the King and Queene set out toward Salisbury – and after them, the Duke and Duchesse – whose hands I did kiss. And it was the first time I did ever or did see anybody else kiss her hand; and it was a most fine white and fat hand. But it was pretty to see the young pretty ladies dressed like men; in velvet coats, caps with ribbands, and with laced bands just like men – only, the Duchesse herself it did not become. They gone, we with great content took coach again. At home met the weekly Bill, where above 1000 increased in the Bill; and of them, in all, about 1700 of the plague – which hath made the officers this day resolve of sitting at Deptford, which puts me to some consideration what to do. Therefore, home to think and consider of everything about it; and without determining anything, eat a little supper and to bed, full of the pleasure of these six or seven last days.

28. Up betimes, and down to Deptford – where after a little discourse with Sir G. Carteret, who is much displeased with the order of our officers yesterday to remove the office to Deptford; pretending other things, but to be sure it is with regard to his own house (which is much because his family is going away). I am glad I was not at the order-making, and so I will endeavour to alter it. Set out with my Lady all alone with her with six horses to Dagenhams, going by water to the Ferry. And a pleasant going and good discourse – and when there, very merry and the young couple now well acquainted. But Lord, to see in what fear all the people here do live would make one mad. They are afeared of us that come to them, insomuch that I am troubled at it and wish myself away. But some cause they have, for the Chaplain, with whom but a week or two ago we were here mighty high disputing, is since fallen into a fever and dead, being gone hence to a friend's a good way off – a