

and vices of the Court, which makes it a most contemptible thing; and ended, in all his discourse I find him a most worthy person. Perticularly, he intertained me with discourse of an Infirmary which he hath projected for the sick and wounded seamen against the next year, which I mightily approve of – and will endeavour to promote, it being a worthy thing – and of use and will save money. He set me down at Mr. Gawden's, where nobody yet come home, I having left him and his sons and Creed at Court. So I took a book, and into the gardens and there walked and read till dark – with great pleasure; and then in, and in comes Osborne and he and I to talk, and Mr. Jaggard, who came from London; and great hopes there is of a decrease this week also of the plague. Anon comes in Creed, and after that, Mr. Gauden and his sons – and then they bring in three ladies who were in the house, but I do not know of them; his daughter and two nieces, daughters of Dr. Whistlers – with whom, and Creed, mighty sport at supper, the ladies very pretty – and mirthful. I perceive they know Creeds gut and stomach as well as I, and made as much mirth as I with it at supper. After supper I made the ladies sing, and they have been taught; but Lord, though I was forced to commend them, yet it was the saddest stuff I ever heard. However, we sat up late; and then I, in the best chamber like a prince, to bed – and Creede with me. And being sleepy, talked but little.

30. Lay long, till Mr. Gawden was gone out, being to take a little journey. I took coach and home, finding the town keeping the day solemnly, it being the day of the King's Murther; and they being at church, I presently into the church, thinking to see Mrs. Lethulier or Batelier, but did not – and a dull sermon of our young Lecturer to boot. This is the first time I have been in this church since I left London for the plague; and it frightened me indeed to go through the church, more then I thought it could have done, to see so [many] graves lie so high upon the churchyard, where people have been buried of the plague. I was much troubled at it, and do not think to go through it again a good while.