

went to church to the churchwardens to demand a pew, which at present could not be given us, but we are resolved to have one built. So we stayed and heard Mr. Mills, a very good Minister. Home to dinner, where my wife had on her new petticoat that she bought yesterday, which endeed is a very fine cloth and a fine lace; but that being of a light colour and the lace all silver, it makes no great show. Mr. Creed and my Brother Tom dined with me. After dinner my wife went and fetched the little puppys to us, which are very pretty ones. After they were gone, I went up to put my papers in order; and finding my wife's clothes lie carelessly laid up, I was angry with her, which I was troubled for. After that, my wife and I went and walked in the garden; and so home to bed.

20. Office day. As Sir W. Pen and I were walking in the garden, a messenger came to me from the Duke of Yorke to fetch me to the Lord Chancellor, but my Lord Chancellor being gone to the House of Lords, I went thither and (there being a law case tried before them this day) got in; and there stayed all the morning, seeing their manner of sitting on Woolpacks, &c., which I never did before. After the House was up, I spoke to my Lord and had order from him to come to him at night. The afternoon at the Privy Seale; where reckoning with Mr. Moore,¹ he had got 100l for me together, which I was glad of, guessing that the profits of this month to me would come to 100l. In the evening I went all alone to drink at Mrs. Harpers, where I found Mrs. Crisps daughter, with whom and her friends I stayed and drank. And so with W. Ewre by coach to Worcester house, where I light, sending him home with the 100l that I received today. Here I stayed and saw my Lord Chancellor come into his Great Hall, where wonderful how much company there was to expect him at a Seale. Before he would begin any business, he took my papers of the state of the debts of the fleet and there viewed them before all the people and did give me his advice privately how to order things to get as much money as we can of the parliament. That being done, I went home, where I find all my things come home from sea, of which I was glad, though many of my things are quite spoiled with mould, by reason of lying so long a-shipboard and my cabin being not tight. I spent much time to dispose of them tonight, and so to bed.

1. His deputy.