

doing myself [some good]. At noon to dinner; and again with him, to work all the afternoon till night, till I was weary and had despatched a good deal of business. And so to bed, after hearing my wife read a little.

19. Up betimes; and all day and afternoon, without going out, busy upon my great letter to the Duke of York, which goes on to my content. W. Hewer and Gibson I imploy with me in it. This week my people wash over the water, and so I little company at home. In the evening, being busy above, a great cry I hear, and go down; and what should it be but Jane, in a fit of direct raveing which lasted half-an-hour; beyond four or five of our strength to keep her down. And when all came to all, a fit of jealousy about Tom, with whom she is in love. So at night, I and my wife and W. Hewer called them to us, and there I did examine all the thing, and them in league. She in love, and he hath got her to promise him to marry, and he is now cold in it – so that I must rid my hands of them. Which troubles me, and the more because my head is now busy upon other greater things. I am vexed also to be told by W. Hewer that he is summoned to Commissioners of Accounts about receiving a present of 30*l* from Mr. Mason the timber merchant – though there be no harm in it that will appear on his part – he having done them several lawful kindnesses and never demanded anything, as they themselves have this day declared to the Commissioners, they being forced up by the discovery of somebody that they in confidence had once told it to. So to supper, vexed and my head full of care; and so to bed.

22. Up betimes, at it again with great content, and so to office I, where all the morning; and did fall out with W. Penn about his slight performance of his office; and so home to dinner, fully satisfied that this office must sink or the whole service be undone. To the office all the afternoon again; and then home to supper and to bed, my mind being pretty well at ease, my great letter being now finished to my full content; and I thank God I have opportunity of doing it, though I know it will set the office and me by the ears for ever. This morning Capt. Cocke comes and tells me that he is now assured that it is true what he told me the other day, that our whole office will be turned out, only me; which, whether he says true or no, I know not nor am much concerned, though I should be better contented to have it thus then otherwise. This afternoon, after I was