

forgetting his Lute. To my office all the morning. At noon to the Change, and so home to dinner. After dinner to Gresham College to my Lord Brunker and Comissioner Pett, taking Mr. Castle with me, there to discourse over his draught of a ship he is to build for us – where I first find reason to apprehend Comissioner Pett to be a man of any ability extraordinary in anything, for I found he did turn and wind Castle like a chicken in his business, and that most pertinently and master-like. And great pleasure it was to me to hear them discourse, I of late having studied something thereon, and my Lord Brunker is a very able person also himself in this sort of business, as owning himself to be a master in the business of all lines and Conicall Sections. Thence home, where very late at my office, doing business to my content; though [God] knows with what a do it was that when I was out I could get myself to come home to my business, or when I was there, though late, could stay there from going abroad again. To supper and to bed. This night when I came home, I was much troubled to hear my poor Canary-bird that I have kept these three or four years is dead.

14. With my wife to the King's house, there to see *Vulpone*, a most excellent play – the best I think I ever saw, and well acted. So with Sir W. Penn home in his coach, and then to the office; so home [to] supper and bed – resolving, by the grace of God, from this day to fall hard to my business again, after some, a week or fortnight's, neglect.

15. *Lords day*. Up; and after a little at my office to prepare a fresh draft of my vows for the next year, I to church, where a most insipid young coxcomb preached. Then home to dinner; and after dinner to read in Rusworths *Collections* about the charge against the late Duke of Buckingham, in order to the fitting me to speak and understand the discourse anon before the King, about the suffering the Turkey merchants to send out their fleet at this dangerous time, when we can neither spare them ships to go, nor men nor King's ships to convoy them. At 4 a-clock with Sir W. Penn in his coach to my Lord Chancellors, where by and by Mr. Coventry, Sir W. Penn, Sir J. Lawson, Sir G. Ascue, and myself were called in to the King, there being several of the Privy Council, and my Lord Chancellor lying at length upon a couch (of the goute I suppose); and there Sir W. Penn begun, and he had prepared heads in a paper and spoke pretty well to purpose, but with so much leisure and