

find it is likely to cost 4 or 5*l* in a ring for her which she desires.

15. Up betimes, and with Capt. Cocke by coach to the Temple to his Counsel again about the prize goods, in order to the drawing up his answer to them; where little done but a confirmation that our best interest is for him to tell the whole truth; and so parted, and I home to the office, where all the morning. And at noon home to dinner; and after dinner, all the afternoon and evening till midnight almost, and till I had tired my own backe and my wife's and Deb's, in tittleing of my books for the present year and in setting them in order; which is now done to my very good satisfaction, though not altogether so completely as I think they were last year, when my mind was more at leisure to mind it. So about midnight to bed, where my wife taking some physick overnight it wrought with her; and those coming upon her with great gripes, she was in mighty pain all night long; yet God forgive me, I did find that I was more desirous to take my rest then to ease her; but there was nothing I could do to do her any good with.

16. *Lords day.* Up and to my chamber, where all the morning making a Catalogue of my books; which did find me work, but with great pleasure, my chamber and books being now set in very good order and my chamber washed and cleaned, which it had not been in some months before – my business and trouble having been so much. At noon Mr. Hollier put in and dined with my wife and me, who was a little better today. His company very good; his story of his love and fortune, which hath been very good and very bad in the world, well worth hearing. Much discourse also about the bad state of the church, and how the clergy are come to be men of no worth in the world – and, as the world doth now generally discourse, they must be reformed; and I believe the Hierarchy will in a little time be shaken, whether they will or no – the King being offended with them and set upon it as I hear. He gone, after dinner to have my head combed; and then to my chamber and read most of the evening till pretty late, when, my wife not being well, I did lie below stairs in our great chamber, where I slept well.

17. Up and to the office, where all the morning till noon getting some things more ready against the afternoon for the Committee of Accounts – which did give me great trouble, to see how I am forced to dance after them in one place and to answer committees of