

year, I took them all by coach to Mrs. Hunts; and I to Dr. Clerkes lady and give her her [husband's] letter and token. She is a very fine woman, and what with her person and the number of fine ladies that were with her, I was much out of countenance and could hardly carry myself like a man among them. But however, I stayed till my courage was up again; and talked to them and viewed her house, which is most pleasant; and so drank and goodbye.

3. Sir W. Penn and I by coach to St. James's, and there to the Dukes chamber, who hath been a-hunting this morning and is come back again. To dinner to my Lady Sandwich; and Sir Tho. Crewes children coming thither, I took them and all my Lady's to the Tower and showed them the lions and all that was to be shown, and so took them to my house and there made much of them; and so saw them back to my Lady's – Sir Th. Crewes children being as pretty and the best behaved that ever I saw of their age.

4. *Lords day*. Lay long, talking with my wife. Then up and Mr. Holliard came to me and let me blood, about 16 ounces, I being exceeding full of blood, and very good. I begun to be sick; but lying upon my back, I was presently well again and did give him 5s. for his pains; and so we parted. And I to my chamber to write down my Journall from the beginning of my late Journy to this houre. Dined well. And after dinner, my arm tied up with a black ribbon, I walked with my wife to my Brother Toms, our boy waiting on us with his sword, which this day he begins to wear to out-do Sir W. Pens boy, who this day, and Sir W. Batten['s] too, begin to wear new liverys. But I do take mine to be the neatest of them all.

7. Walked to Westminster; where I understand the news that Mr. Mountagu is this last night come to the King, with news that he left the Queene and fleet in the bay of Biscay, coming this way-ward, and that he believes she is now at the Isle of Scilly. So at noon to my Lord Crewes and there dined; and after dinner Sir Tho. Crew and I talked together; and among other instances of the simple light discourse that sometimes is in the Parliament house, he told me how in the late business of Chymny-money, when all occupiers were to pay, it was questioned whether women were under that name to pay, and somebody rose and said that they were not occupiers, but occupied.