

Tom embarked in building, and I fear in no good condition for it, for he sent to me to borrow more money, which I shall not lend him. Myself in good condition in the office, and I hope in a good way of saving of money at home.

✧SEPTEMBER✧

1. In the evening, my brother John coming to me to complain that my wife seems to be discontented at his being here and shows him great disrespect; so I took and walked with him in the garden and discoursed long with him about my affairs, and how imprudent it is for my father and mother and him to take exceptions without great cause at my wife, considering how much it concerns them to keep her their friend, and for my peace; not that I would ever be led by her to forget or desert them in the main, but yet she deserves to be pleased and complied with a little, considering the manner of life that I keep her to and how convenient it were for me to have Brampton for her to be sent to when I have a mind or occasion to go abroad to Portsmouth or elsewhere about pleasure or business, when it will not be safe for me to leave her alone. So directed him how to behave himself to her, and gave him other counsel; and so to my office, where late, and then home to supper and to bed.

3. To Deptford; and after a word or two with Sir J. Mennes, walked to Redriffe and so home. In my way, it coming into my head, overtaking of a beggar or two on the way that looked like Gypsies, it came into my head what the Gypsies eight or nine days ago had foretold, that somebody that day sennit should be with me to borrow money, but I should lend none; and looking, when I came to my office, upon my Journall, that my Brother John had brought me a letter that day from my Brother Tom to borrow 20*l* more of me, which had vexed me so, that I had sent the letter to my father into the country, to acquaint him of it. But it pleased me mightily to see how, contrary to my expectation, having so lately lent him 20*l*, and believe that he had money by him to spare, and that after some days not thinking of it, I should look back and find what the Gypsy had told me to be so true.

4. Made my wife get herself presently ready, and so carried her by