

Batten and I were alone, we had much friendly discourse, though I will never trust him far. They being come, we to Oysters and so to talk; very pleasant I was all day; and anon to dinner, and we made very good company. Here till the evening, so as it was dark almost before we got home (back again in the same method I think we went); and spent the night talking at Sir W. Batten's; only, a little at my office to look over the Victualler's contract and draw up some arguments for him to plead for his charges in transportation of goods beyond the ports which the letter of one article in his contract doth lay upon him. This done, I home to supper and to bed – troubled a little at my fear that my Lord Brouncker should tell Sir W. Coventry of our neglecting the office this afternoon to look after our pleasures; but nothing will fall upon me alone about this.

15. Up, and pleased at Tom's teaching of Barker something to sing a third part to a song, which will please me mightily. So I to the office all the morning, and at noon to the Change, where I do hear that letters this day come to Court do tell us that we are likely not to agree, the Dutch demanding high terms and the King of France the like, in a most braveing manner. The merchants do give themselves over for lost, no man knowing what to do, whether to sell or buy, not knowing whether peace or war to expect; and I am told that could that be now known, a man might get 20000*l* in a week's time – by buying up of goods in case there should be war. Thence home and dined well; and then with my wife, set her at Unthanes and I to Sir G. Carteret, where talked with the ladies a while; and my Lady Carteret talks nothing but sorrow and afflictions coming on us; and indeed, I do fear the same. So away, and met Dr. Fuller, Bishop of Limricke, and walked an hour with him in the Court, talking of news only; and he doth think that matters will be bad with us. Then to Westminster hall and then spent an hour or two walking up and down, thinking para aver got out Doll Lane, sed yo no could do it, having no opportunity de hazer le, ainsì lost the todo afternoon; and so away and called my wife and home, where a little at the office and then home to my closet to enter my Journalls, and so to supper and to bed.

16. Up, and to the office, where all the morning. At noon home to dinner; and then to the office again in the afternoon and there all day, very busy till night; and then having done much business, home to supper, and so to bed. This afternoon came home Sir J.